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## Solidarity calls for ousting government

WARSAW, Dec. 7 (R) — Solidarity free trade union leaders were quoted in the official media Monday as calling openly for the overthrow of the Polish Communist government and saying that confrontation was inevitable.

The statements, including remarks by union leader Lech Walesa, were taken from taped recordings of a closed meeting of Solidarity's regional chiefs in Radom last Friday. They were broadcast on state radio and published in the official press as part of a mounting war of words between the mass union movement and the ruling Communists. "Confrontation is inevitable and confrontation will take place," Walesa was heard to say.

He said he had never trusted anyone in the authorities since the suppression of the 1970 workers' revolt and added that he had been mistaken in advocating a moderate line. "Let us abandon all illusions. They have been thumping their noses at us from the very beginning," he said. Other Solidarity leaders at the Radom meeting called for the establishment of a provisional government which would guarantee Moscow's security interests in Poland but pave the way for free elections.

The hard-line army daily *Zolnierz Wolności* said the Radom meeting showed beyond doubt that the extremists had gained the upper hand in the leadership of the 10-million-strong labor movement. Reinforcing this view, the government said in an official statement Sunday night that Solidarity had now launched an open warfare on the Communist system but added: "Nobody can succeed in destroying socialist statehood."

The official Communist daily *Trybuna Ludu* quoted Walesa as saying that it was

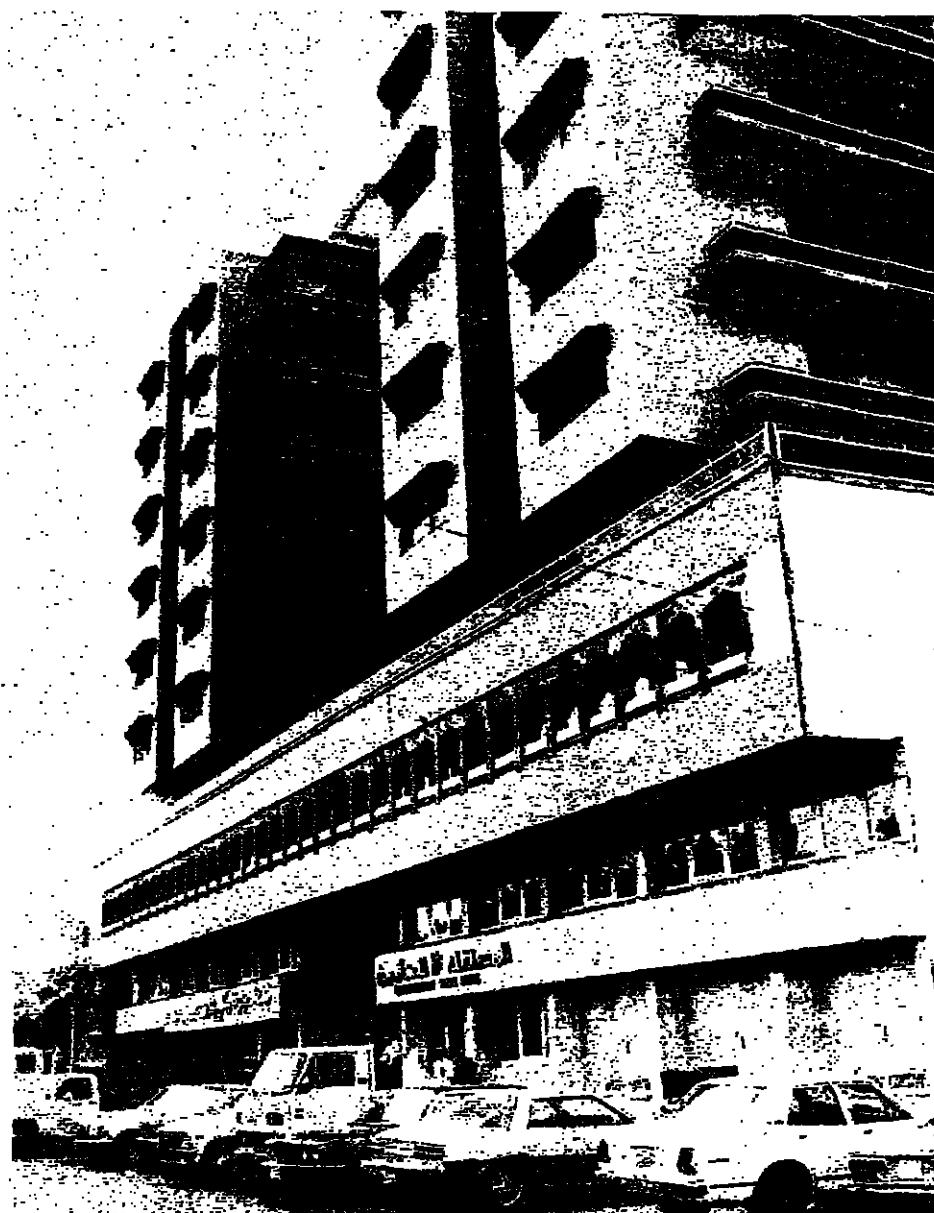
indeed Solidarity which was dismantling Poland's existing political system. "If we transfer business into private hands, sell state farms to private peasants and set up worker self-management everywhere, then the system will cease to exist," he explained.

Walesa, contacted at his Gdansk headquarters by telephone Monday, acknowledged that he had made the remarks but said that they had been taken out of context. "What they've done is very unpleasant," union spokesman Marek Brunne said. "It's all been twisted for propaganda purposes."

Brunne said he believed the recordings from the private meeting were obtained from somebody who was present. The Solidarity spokesman denied government charges that the statement issued by the union chiefs in Radom had closed the door to dialogue and national accord.

The Radom declaration demanded free local elections, access to the mass media, social control of the economy and other measures dismissed by the ruling Communists as politically unacceptable. The declaration will be submitted to Solidarity's national commission when it meets in Gdansk later this week. Brunne said telexed messages from branches across the country supported the demands.

He said the commission would probably time its meeting to coincide with a session of the Sejm (parliament) which has been called on to pass emergency laws including a three-month ban on strikes. Brunne said he was convinced that parliament would not comply with the ruling party. "There is no way they are going to vote a special law," he said. (Related Story on Back page)



**BUILDING EVACUATION:** The Jeddah Towers Building in the Sharafiah district was evacuated early Sunday in order to allow officials to investigate a structural flaw in the foundation. In this photo tenants can be seen at the entrance to the building loading office furniture onto trucks which were transporting it to temporary quarters.

## Due to structural flaws Jeddah building evacuated

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, Dec. 7 — Business tenants of the Jeddah Towers Building, a prestigious location owned and managed by the Taher Corporation, began evacuating their offices early Sunday morning while intensive checks are made to determine the soundness of the structure.

A spokesman for the main branch of Saudi American Bank, formerly Citibank and the largest single tenant of the building, told *Arab News* Monday that the office would be closed during the investigation. The spokesman said he regretted the inconvenience caused to customers, although customer services still will be available in other branches throughout the city. The branches are located in King Abdul Aziz Street, Madinah Road and Makkah Road.

Senior managers for Taher Corporation refused comment on the action pending an official statement by Makkah Governor Prince Majed, who is expected to remark on the situation Tuesday. However, according to one source, who asked not to be identified, the structural flaw involves the foundation of the building. But he wasn't sure exactly of the extent of the damage. Civil engineers are assessing the damages at this time.

The general manager of an Arab company in the upper floors of the building said that his company already had moved out to a nearby building and removed all its files and valuables from the office after being asked to leave.

"They sent us a note saying that since they want to check the soundness of the structure, we had better move out for the time being," he said. The engineer's investigation might take from ten days to six months, and if structural changes have to be made, the process might take longer, he added.

According to one office manager in the business complex, the withdrawal procedures from the building have been orderly and without a panic atmosphere. "I think the owners of the building must be commended for the courage they have shown in acknowledging that a problem exists and removing the patrons to ensure their safety," the businessman said. He added that moving his office to another location disrupts business and costs extra money, but that compared to any damage that could occur, it is worth the effort.

The municipality here wasn't aware of the matter. Other officials sources declined to make a statement about the extent of damage to the building's foundation.

## One-third from OPEC states Iran tops list of alien students in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP) — Iran has more students attending American colleges and universities than any other foreign country, despite the breakdown in relations between the two countries, a new study said Sunday.

Some 47,550 Iranian students attended U.S. colleges in 1980-81, down from 51,300 the year before, according to the Institute of International Education's annual census of foreign students. The decline came in the wake of U.S. government efforts to throw out Iranians who were violating their visas.

Overall, nearly one-third of the record 312,000 foreign students attending U.S. colleges and universities in 1980-81 were from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, the study said. After Iran, three other OPEC countries were among the top 10 senders of students to American colleges. They were Nigeria with 17,350, Venezuela with 11,750 and Saudi Arabia with 10,440.

Twelve years ago, the OPEC countries accounted for less than 10 percent of the foreign students in America. Because of the drop in Iranian students, the increase from OPEC nations this year was only 1.3 percent, compared with 21 and 13 percent in the past two years.

Many of the Iranian students were already in the United States when the U.S. Embassy in Tehran was seized and American hostages were taken in November 1979. While new Iranian students are not banned from entering the United States, getting here would be difficult because there are no diplomatic relations between the two nations.

Overall, foreign student enrollment on U.S. campuses grew nine percent from 286,000. The foreigners accounted for 2.6

percent of the total U.S. college enrollment. After Iran, the other countries that sent the most students were: Taiwan 19,460; Nigeria 17,350; Canada, 14,320; Japan 13,500; Venezuela 11,750; Saudi Arabia 10,440; Hong Kong 9,660; India, 9,250 and Lebanon 6,770. Nearly 100,000 of these students were pursuing graduate degrees. Most of the rest were seeking bachelor degrees or community college associate degrees.

And the goal of most of the foreign students was expertise in such pragmatic fields as engineering (80,470) and business and management (54,380). Some 24,300 were studying social sciences, 23,000 the natural sciences and 19,180 mathematics and computer science. The report, called "Open Doors: 1980-81," was based on a census of more than 3,000 colleges and universities. It was the institute's 27th annual census of foreign students.

Institute leaders said the census could be jeopardized by Reagan administration budget cuts. The U.S. International Communications Agency provided \$143,000 of the \$177,000 in technical costs for the survey. But the ICA has asked Congress to cut federal funding for student exchanges and related programs by more than half.

California remained the most popular spot for foreign students to study, with 52,289 enrolled or twice as many as second place New York (26,059). Texas is third with 23,415, followed by Florida (16,256) and Massachusetts 14,642.

Miami-Dade Community College in Florida jumped from third to first place in the number of foreign students enrolled with 4,520. The University of Southern California dropped to second with 3,456.

## Libya-Tunisia rift hits OAPEC talks

ABU DHABI, Dec. 7 (AFP) — Libyan reservations about a Tunisian application to join the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) apparently put an OAPEC conference into disarray immediately after it opened here Monday.

Libya's Oil Minister Abdussalam Muhammad Zagar told the Emirates WAM news agency that Libya was not against Tunisia's membership, but merely wanted the matter postponed to a later OAPEC meeting. The opening session of the OAPEC ministerial meeting broke up after brief talks earlier Monday and was due to reconvene at 5 p.m. local time (1300 GMT). But two hours later there was still no sign that the meeting would resume.

It was understood that delegations had been in tough with their governments about the question of postponing Tunisia's application. A source close to the conference said a Libyan-Tunisian dispute over territorial waters was behind the Libyan opposition, which had been personally ordered by Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi. As the conference opened amid rigid security, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani said: "The problem is Libya, which is a founder member and has the power of veto."

Tunisia's application for OAPEC membership is sponsored by Kuwait and Bahrain, and said to have the support of several Arab states who earlier threatened to suspend the meeting if Libya continued to oppose Tunisia's membership. WAM news agency reported Sunday that a recommendation to

accept the application for the OAPEC agenda had been unanimously agreed.

OAPEC Secretary General Ali Atteqa said Tunisia enjoyed "all the conditions" to become an active member of the organization.

Meanwhile, officials of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries began preparing for the meeting of the OPEC long-term strategy committee, then a full OPEC ministerial meeting Wednesday. The main outstanding question is a long-term pricing strategy linking the price of oil to economic performance in industrialized countries.

## Libyan jet hijacked

ROME, Dec. 7 (AP) — A Libyan Airlines jetliner on a flight from Paris to Tripoli was hijacked over Italy Monday and ordered to fly to Beirut, Lebanon, officials at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport reported.

The control tower officials said the plane abruptly changed its course over Lake Bolsena, 140 kilometers north of Rome. The pilot of the flight 163 told the Rome tower that he was being ordered by a hijacker to change course and proceed to Beirut, the officials said.

No other details, including the type of the plane and the number of passengers aboard were immediately made available.

## Zionist mischief, Qaddafi says U.S. has 'proof' of Libyan plot

By Charles W. Holmes  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 — The war of words between the United States and Libya continues as the U.S. State Department, for the first time since rumors of a Libyan-backed hit team surfaced, has officially addressed the issue.

Responding to the strong denial Sunday by Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi that he is sponsoring an assassination team in the United States to kill President Reagan and other top U.S. officials, the State Department issued a statement saying it has "strong evidence" that the Libyan leader is planning such an assassination attempt. The State Department added, "We certainly hope that Qaddafi's denial means that he will abandon the use of terrorism and assassination as part of his foreign policy."

Qaddafi said Sunday that the opposite is true. Speaking to the American television network ABC in a live broadcast, Qaddafi said it is the United States that is trying to assassinate him.

"It is the behavior of America, trying to assassinate me, to poison my food. They tried many things to do this," said Qaddafi.

Qaddafi added, "I think Zionist propaganda is behind the many accusation and allegations against us in America."

Rumors of a Libyan-sponsored assassination team, whose objective is to kill Reagan,

began early last week when U.S. intelligence officials said source had given them information that a well-trained, well-armed team of five men was in the United States and prepared to take the life of Reagan, Vice President George Bush, and three of Reagan's top aides.

Last week, security around the president, and his subordinates reportedly was substantially increased, with Secret Service details added to Reagan's motorcades, and to Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger and Secretary of State Alexander Haig's normal security force.

Qaddafi called Reagan "silly and ignorant" to believe the assassination squad reports. "We are ready to make large investigations in all these reports and to see who is the liar. And you will see, Reagan is a liar," Qaddafi told the American television audience from his office in Tripoli.

Despite Libyan denials and lack of substantial evidence that such a hit team does exist, according to reports, the Reagan administration is not taking the rumor lightly. Aside from increasing security, the White House reportedly has modified the presidential jet to protect it from attack by a surface-to-air missile. (Reports indicated that the hit team possibly is heavily armed with Soviet-made weapons). Motorcade routes and publicity surrounding Reagan's trips also have been altered, according to reports.

## Reagan said defensive Charles exudes confidence

LONDON, Dec. 7 (AP) — Prince Charles' habit of putting his hands in the pockets of his suit jacket shows he thinks a lot of himself, and his decision to get married was quite out of character, a leading British clothier claimed Monday.

What U.S. President Ronald Reagan does with his hands when wearing a suit, however, indicates he is defensive and unsure, according to Harry Rael-Brook, head of Rael-Brook Ltd. men's clothing manufacturers. Saying a man's behavior in a suit is a reflection of his character, Rael-Brook has published a guide to "suit stances," and given famous examples of each.

The guide says that when, like Charles, a man jams his hands in his jacket pockets, "quite simply (he) is prepared to sacrifice the look of his jacket because he thinks that although clothes maketh the man, he is something special anyway. It indicates he has a very high opinion of himself and he is unlikely to want to get married," Rael-Brook said.

Charles, 33, wed lady Diana Spencer, 20, July 29. While declining to comment on Rael-Brook's personality assessment, a palace spokesman said Sunday: "I have seen Prince Charles with his hands in his jacket pockets. How much time they spend there is a matter of speculation."

Rael-Brook, whose company was a pioneer in drip-dry shirts, said he had seen

## 1.5m rats killed in Chinese drive

PEKING, Dec. 7 (AP) — Peking residents have killed more than 1.5 million rats in a special three-week extermination drive, the Peking Evening News reported Friday.

The paper said regular campaigns were needed to combat the rapidly-expanding number of rats in this city of 9 million people. Besides urging all residents to kill rats, the city specially trained 40,000 specialists to lead the campaign, it added.

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## By Puerto Ricans 3 Venezuelan planes hijacked

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia, Dec. 7 (AFP) — Puerto Rican nationalists Monday hijacked three Venezuelan passenger planes on domestic flights with a total of more than 250 persons on board in this north Colombia city.

(In Caracas, Fernando Miralles, vice-president of Aeropostal, the firm flying two of the planes, said he was "convinced" the hijackers were heading for Cuba. The third plane was operated by the private Venezuelan Avenza Airline).

Although no immediate political demands were made, the hijackers — according to reports there were up to 10 on each plane — asked for talks with Barranquilla Provincial Governor Roberto Paccini, for the aircraft to be refueled and for security forces rushed to the airport to be called off. One of the hijackers was reported to have said, "We want to leave Colombia quickly," but he gave no des-

tinuation.

The three planes, said to include a Boeing 727 and a DC-9, were immobilized in a remote corner of Ernesto Cortizas Airport at Barranquilla, which is 900 kms north of the capital Bogota. The hijackers, reportedly armed with guns and grenades and claiming to belong to the "Ramon Emeterio Betense Commando", named after a Puerto Rican separatist killed by police, first hijacked two planes which arrived here at 1130 GMT.

Other members of the commando later diverted a plane belonging to the private Venezuelan Avenza Airline. All three planes were flying out of Caracas to Barcelona and San Antonio (West Venezuela).

One of the aircraft made a stopover in the Dutch Antilles Island of Aruba where 21 passengers, women and children except for one man who was ill, were released, airline spokesmen said.

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# Former U.S. official lauds Saudi peace plan

BEIRUT, Dec. 7 (SPA) — The former assistant secretary of state in the U.S., Harold Saunders, said the proposed Saudi Arabian peace plan must become the beginning of comprehensive peace negotiations in the Middle East.

In an interview with the weekly magazine *Monday Morning* published

Monday Saunders who served under former President Jimmy Carter also said that the Palestine Liberation Organization must play a role in bringing about any settlement of the Palestine question. This can be done without having to engage in talks with the U.S. in advance and without such talks forming an obstacle to the settlement.

# Directorate handed port post office

JEDDAH, Dec. 7 (SPA) — The Directorate General of Posts Monday took over the postal building at Jeddah Islamic Port, which was built by the General Organization for Grain Silos.

Director General of Posts, Samir Banajah, who took over the building, said that work will start soon at the new premises to provide postal facilities through the port. He expressed his appreciation of the efforts being exerted by the ports authority, headed by Dr. Faysal Badr, its chairman.

Banajah lauded cooperation and coordination existing between the postal and ports organizations and pointed to the good level of implementation in the new building.

The building has been constructed at an overall cost of SR14 million in a 16,000-sq-meter area. It has parking lots for vehicles, including big trucks. It has a customs wing for inspection and another for parcels. A ministerial office is also provided in the building.

# Talal to inspect children projects

DACCA, Dec. 7 (SPA) — Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, honorary assistant secretary of the United Nations, arrived here Monday on a visit to Bangladesh. He is scheduled to meet with Justice Abdul Sattar, president of Bangladesh, and other officials in charge of child care projects.

Prince Talal also is the Special Envoy for UNICEF and head of the Arab Gulf Program for U.N. Development Organizations. Upon his arrival at Dacca, Prince Talal urged all countries to give more aid to the UNICEF to enable the organization to increase its financing for children's projects in the Third World. He will inspect children's projects implemented by the Bangladesh government with assistance from UNICEF.

# SR66m aid granted

AHSA, Dec. 7 (SPA) — The Social Security Office in Ahsa has issued more than SR66 million as pensions or assistance to needy families since Oct. 27, according to officials Monday.

Nasser Al-Rizajan, the office's director, said the figure shows a substantial increase compared to that of the same period last year. The Ahsa office's services have been extended to more villages in the region, he added.



EXHIBITION: Makkah Governor Prince Majed, accompanied by Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Faraj, inspects an exhibition of photographs, by Khaled Khodr. The governor opened the show held at the Redec Plaza.

# Center features artist's scenery

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Dec. 7 — Country scenery and flora done in watercolor by Patricia Reynolds are now being featured here at the Center of Modern Design. The artist uses watercolor, pastel and collage to explore and interpret impressionist landscapes by combining the colors of nature with patterns of vivid contrasts which alternate with softer tones.

According to a spokesman here for Adil M. Khashoggi Co., a partner in the center, Reynolds is the holder of numerous art awards. Just a few include: Benedectine, 1975, Adirondack 1977, Vermont, 1978 and 1979, North Country Artists, 1980, Andu-

bon Artists, 1980. An ensemble of her paintings has been chosen and is presently on a two-year tour of major American Universities.

The exhibit was recently opened on Airport Road and it is open to the public.

# KAU plans dialogue

JEDDAH, Dec. 7 (SPA) — Sheikh Ali Al-Tantawi, a leading Muslim scholar, will hold an open dialogue with KAU students Tuesday at the university's lecture hall. The event is part of the Islamic Education Committee's programs, officials said.

# Korean delegation departs

UPM visited

DHAHRAN, Dec. 7 (SPA) — Gen. Seung Min Yoon, Korean chief of general staff, and an accompanying delegation, left for home Monday after a several days' official visit to Saudi Arabia.

He was seen off at the airport by Maj. Gen. Abdul Aziz Al-Nafea, assistant commander of the Eastern region, and Col. Ali Ahmed Al-Ghamdi, commander of King Abdul Aziz Air Base.

Earlier during the day, the regional command hosted a luncheon party in honor of the Korean official and his delegation. These present included the Korean ambassador to the Kingdom and several top officers of the armed forces.

In the morning, Gen. Yoon paid a visit to the University of Petroleum and Minerals, where he inspected the College of Environmental Design, the Central Library, the Data Classification Center and the Research Institute. He also called on Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr, vice-chancellor, who briefed him on the academic programs of the university and its scientific achievements.

Later, the Korean official and his delegation visited the Aramco exhibition, where they were briefed on the production, refining and export of oil. The delegation was accompanied by Maj. Gen. Nafea and a number of army officers.

# Management seminar to be held

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 7 — A five-day advanced training seminar for senior decision makers, which is entitled "Saudi Arabia: The Management Challenge," has been organized jointly by the Saudi Arabian consulting group, Abdullah H. Tariqi and Company, and Smith and Associates S. A., from the United States. The seminar is to be held in Taif beginning Dec. 19.

The seminar has been designed to meet the needs of the rapidly growing Saudi Arabian businesses and the topics include corporate strategy, strategy implementation, financial management, joint ventures and management as a profession.

Three Harvard business school professors will lead the seminar. The professors are Francis J. Aguilar, professor of business pol-

icy; Samuel L. Hayes III, professor of finance; and Michael Y. Yoshino, professor of international business. A variety of teaching methods including lectures, readings, small group discussions and the case method will be used in the program to provide the participants with a high level of intellectual stimulation and involvement, according to seminar sources.

# Moroccan envoy here

JEDDAH, Dec. 7 (SPA) — The new Moroccan ambassador to the Kingdom, Zainul Abideen Al-Alawi, arrived here Monday. He was welcomed by Salem Sunbul, foreign ministry chief of protocol, and the Moroccan embassy staff. Alawi replaces Ambassador Muhammad Al-Arabi Al-Alami who was transferred.

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# Seminar on satellites opens

RIYADH, Dec. 7 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani opened here Monday a seminar on the use of satellites in television and broadcasting services.

The four-day seminar has been organized by the Arab Broadcasting Federation, Arab Space Communications Organization and Gulfvision. Radio and television experts from the Arab states and other international organizations are taking part in the seminar. Speaking on the occasion, Yamani stressed the importance of satellites in the media services. He referred to the Arab and Islamic role in space studies in general and in astronomy in particular, and recalled the works of Al-Razi and Al-Minjanqi as well as several others who had laid down the rules of this science in their books. He said "our observatories were spread from Toledo to Baghdad and Samarqand."

The minister warned against the monopolization in the space usage by major industrialized nations, leaving a very limited scope for the emerging states. He said the countries of



Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani the Third World are suffering from this phenomenon, and added that scientific advancement will make it possible for the industrialized nations to relay programs directly through the satellites to the Third World countries, by way of their domination of the frequencies. He said that nearly 90

percent of the radio frequency area is now under the control of a few industrialized states whose population accounts for only one-tenth of the population of the world. The minister urged the Third World media machinery to rally together to be able to confront this new inroad which is reflected in the monopolization of modern technological means.

Yamani mentioned the successful experiment conducted by the Gulf states, including Saudi Arabia, over the past few years in relaying various programs and conferences to the Islamic world. He hoped that maximum benefit will be derived from the satellites in media programming.

Minister of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal said that speedy relay of information has become a pressing need in the adoption of resolutions at all levels. He added that circumstances like these have made the world concentrate full attention on space contact and research. He said the countries of the Third World were anxious to make plans to supersede other nations in this sphere. From this standpoint, the Arab world took a decision to set up an Arab organization which is now engaged in laying down the infrastructure for putting the first satellite into orbit by mid 1983, he added.

Kayyal reiterated that the path is not easy to tread, in view of the fact that there are several obstacles being brought in the way of transferring technology to the Third World countries.

Abdul Aziz Jafar, Kuwaiti information undersecretary and chairman of the Arab Broadcasting Federation, thanked the Saudi Arabian government for hosting the seminar. He reviewed the motives which led to the convening of the seminar and highlighted the importance of satellites in the modern world.

After a brief respite, the first session was convened with lectures by Dr. Ali Al-Mashhat, director general of Arabsat, and Hamdi Qindil of the UNESCO, on the satellite service in media programs.

A series of lectures will be delivered on satellites and its services in media and cultural fields.

## Distortion of Islamic history studied

RIYADH, Dec. 7 (SPA) — Dr. Muhammad Ahmed Al-Rashid, director general of the Arab Education Bureau of the Gulf, Monday opened the meetings of the committee which has been charged with the publication of a book to expose the distortion of facts about the Islamic poetry and history in the books of orientalist.

The committee is composed of representatives from the bureau, the Arab Organization for Education, Culture and Sciences, the Arab League, the Muslim World League and the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

During the preliminary meeting, Dr. Ali ibn Muhammad Al-Tuwajri, deputy director general of the bureau, was elected chairman of the four-day session.

The purpose of the publication is to bring

to light the defective method followed by the orientalist in their Arab and Islamic studies.

In a separate development, Secretary of the MWL Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan will leave for Dakar next Saturday, to attend the meetings of the Islamic Coordination Council beginning in the Senegalese capital Dec. 21.

According to Sheikh Muhammad Safwat Al-Saqqa, MWL's assistant secretary general, the convening of the conference is within the context of an organized Islamic activity in 15th Islamic century, particularly in the wake of colonialist plots against the Muslims in Africa.

He said that Senegalese President Abdou Diouf has invited the Arab and Islamic heads of state to the conference.

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## Methanol plant parts reach Jubail

JUBAIL, Dec. 7 (SPA) — The first shipment of pre-fabricated parts for the Saudi Arabian Methanol Company arrived at the Jubail Industrial Port Monday. The shipment which includes 12 parts weighs about 1,000 tons, according to official reports.

The shipment is one of seven which will arrive here from Japan over the coming six months. The parts are being manufactured in Japan after a detailed study carried out by the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) which revealed the method was less expensive.

It also makes the maximum use of the skilled manpower and the sophisticated manufacturing equipment and expertise available

## For power generation SR515m contracts let

RIYADH, Dec. 7 (SPA) — The General Electricity Corporation has approved the awarding of two contracts for generating plants for the Najran and Jof central electricity projects, according to officials Monday.

The contract, to be commissioned to two international companies, will have a combined cost of SR515 million. The Najran contract, amounting to SR221 million, will provide for supply and installation of a 100-megawatt, gas turbine generating plant. It is expected to serve about 25,000 subscribers in the Najran area.

Meanwhile, the Jof contract of SR294 million calls for supplying and installing a similar generating plant with a 125 megawatt capacity. About 10,260 homes will benefit from the power it will produce.

The general electricity corporation board had met last week under its chairman, Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi. The board discussed bids submitted for the two projects and approved certain issues related to personnel affairs in the company.

Though regional consolidated electricity companies, amalgamated private firms, have covered the Kingdom, the

general electricity corporation is continuing with its main program to set up networks in rural and remote areas. These projects will be ceded to the consolidated companies once completed.

Four central electricity projects have already been implemented in Asir, Baha, Jizan and Kharj while a fifth one is under construction in Qasim. Among the three central projects endorsed in the corporation's budget this year, the Hail scheme was the first to be commissioned while Najran and Jof are to follow suit shortly.

The Third Five-Year Development Plan anticipates to achieve an electricity generation capacity of 15,320 megawatts to meet a peak load of 11,182 megawatts from about 1.3 million subscribers.

A major contribution to the nation's power capacity during the third plan will come from water desalination projects. By 1985, the Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC) will have 18 desalination plants in operation with a combined power production of 1,645 megawatts. By the end of the second plan (1980), desalination plants have contributed 250 megawatts.

## Norwegian group penetrates market

By Devadas Kini

JEDDAH, Dec. 7 — The first ever Norwegian business group to visit the Kingdom had "fruitful" talks with officials as well as businessmen, according to Knut A. Mugaas, the delegation's leader.

Mugaas, who also is the regional manager of the export council of Norway, told Arab News Monday that the group had satisfactory response from the various people it was able to meet. "We have laid the foundation for new business relations," he said.

"We have found more than the expected response, especially in the field of electrical installations, even though this is a very competitive field," he added. The group also had discovered a great demand for vocational

guidance courses, Mugaas said. The delegation which arrived in Jeddah on Nov. 28, left for Taif Dec. 3 and proceeded to Riyadh Dec. 4. It will be in Alkhobar on Dec. 7 for four days.

The products and services that the delegation sought to promote in the Kingdom include aluminium products, packaging materials and systems, intercommunications systems, electrical installation materials, plastic and glass bottles and jars, food containers, adhesives and synthetic resins, sprayers for agricultural operations and training services.

In a separate development, the Saudi Press Agency reported that an Italian industrial and trade mission, representing the pesaro chamber of commerce and the national union of furniture manufacturers, will arrive in Dhahran Tuesday in the context of its visit to the Kingdom.

The mission will after arrival, immediately meet with officials of the Eastern Province Chamber of Commerce and Industry and businessmen in the region. Talks will involve boosting trade relations between the two countries.

The Italian group also will pay a visit to the Ahsa Region to meet officials of the chamber of commerce and industry there as well as businessmen. During their visit, the mission members will hold talks on trade and industrial cooperation.

The mission began its visit to the Kingdom, the first leg of a Gulf tour, with talks in the Western Region.

## Minister to meet Jordan officials

AMMAN, Dec. 7 (SPA) — Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail arrived here Monday on a four-day visit for talks with his Jordanian counterpart Sa'ed Musa'adah on possible ways of boosting cooperation between the two countries.

Aba Al-Khail is slated to call on King Hussein, Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minister Mu'dhar Badran.

He is expected to sign agreements on loans from Saudi Arabia to finance a number of development projects in Jordan. A program has been chalked out for the minister to visit the Jordan Valley area, to acquaint himself with the projects being implemented there, particularly the water and agriculture projects.

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**Envoy meets Sarkis**

**Russia reiterates support for Lebanon**

BEIRUT, Dec. 7 (R) — A visiting Soviet envoy reiterated his country's support for Lebanon's sovereignty Monday after talks with President Elias Sarkis and other Lebanese leaders.

Mikhail Sytenko, senior official at the Soviet Foreign Ministry's Middle East department, arrived in Beirut from Amman Sunday night. In a press statement after meeting the president, Sytenko said he had discussed important world issues in general and the Middle East situation in particular. He described the talks as friendly and frank and said the Soviet Union "supports the normalization of the situation in Lebanon and rejects Israel's aggressive operations against Lebanon and the Lebanese people."

"We support Lebanon's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, and in this respect wish the Lebanese people all success," Sytenko added.

His arrival coincides with a Middle East tour by American special envoy Philip Habib. The Soviet envoy, who is reported by the Lebanese press to have already visited Morocco and Syria, conferred here Sunday night with Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Reporting on Sytenko's meeting with Arafat, the Palestine news agency Wafa said Monday the two sides reviewed all current developments in the region. Press reports here said the visiting envoy was promoting a plan advocated by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev last February calling for an international conference to settle the Middle East problem. According to Wafa, the three-hour Arafat-Sytenko talks covered "Israeli threats and military concentrations in south Lebanon."

It said the envoy "reaffirmed the Soviet Union's continued support for the Palestinian people's just struggle to achieve their national rights, including repatriation, self-determination and the establishment of an independent state."

**Egypt to invite Inclira**

CAIRO, Dec. 7 (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is to invite Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to visit Egypt, the weekly *Mayo* newspaper, published by the ruling National Democratic Party, reported Monday. No official confirmation was immediately available.

*Mayo* said Egypt's minister of state for foreign affairs, Boutros Boutros Ghali, would deliver the invitation when he visits New Delhi this week for preparatory talks for the next annual conference of the nonaligned movement.

**Cairo court orders detention of corrupt ex-legislator**

CAIRO, Dec. 7 (R) — A Cairo court has ordered the detention of a former member of parliament who faces charges of corruption and drug-smuggling, the official Middle East News Agency Mena said.

The special "Court of Values" set up by the late President Anwar Sadat ruled that Rashad Osman was a danger to society and should be held for a year, the agency reported. The prosecution told the court Osman had evaded tax on millions of dollars of income and used his influence to

expropriate state land and villas, it said.

His wealth began to grow in 1974, shortly after police records implicated him in smuggling a large consignment of hashish, the prosecution said. Osman was member of parliament for Sadat's National Democratic Party (NDP) for a constituency in the port of Alexandria. He lost his parliamentary immunity in September.

In an earlier hearing, the Court of Values slapped a holding order on him and his family's property. The case continues Dec. 20.

**Bright Star maneuvers end in Oman**

BAHRAIN, Dec. 7 (R) — A United States amphibious force ended military exercises in Oman Monday, the first landing by American combat troops on the strategic peninsula, according to an authoritative Omani source.

The source said that during the 30-hour maneuvers, 1,000 U.S. marines of the Rapid Deployment Force stormed ashore at an unspecified spot to secure a beachhead. The troops have returned to ships of the seventh U.S. Fleet and the exercises have ended, the source told Reuters by telephone from Bahrain.

Omani officials have declined to discuss the exercise. Oman played down the maneuvers.

Oman was the only Gulf country to give the U.S. military facilities, signing an agreement last year when Washington was seeking to build up its military power in the region after the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan and the revolution in Iran.

The maneuvers were part of "Exercise Bright-Star 82" involving four Middle East States — Oman, Egypt, Sudan and Somalia — to back President Reagan's pledge to support friendly countries in the area against external threats.

**No alternative, U.N. says  
Chad refugees in Cameroon oppose transfer to new camp**

GENEVA, Dec. 7 (AP) — A U.N. spokesman said Monday the planned transfer of Chad refugees in Cameroon from the Kousseri camp near the border to a new camp 500 kms inland has met with opposition among the refugees. But he said there was no alternative.

Leon Davico, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for refugees, was commenting on a report from Ndjamena saying refugees in Kousseri charged UNHCR officials with "flagrant complicity" with Chadian authorities in an alleged plot to force the refugees back home by refusing them assistance. Davico said the Kousseri camp was being closed because neither the Cameroon nor the Chad governments wanted the

refugees that close to the border "for obvious reasons." He said the refugees had the choice of returning home or moving to the new camp at Garoua but that tens of thousands preferred to stay in Cameroon.

"But many don't want to leave Kousseri because that's a place where they can easily cross into Chad and back. This gives them more possibilities, including to do some business." "It is a very human reaction," he said adding that the Kousseri refugees received to months of food supplies in early October when the transfer was decided. "We are continuing to help them. Nobody is going to die of hunger. But the Kousseri camp will be closed. That's definite," Davico said.

**Afro-Arab solidarity talks open**

LUANDA, Dec. 7 (AFP) — The latest Afro-Arab solidarity conference opened here in Angola's capital Sunday night in the absence of both host Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chief Yasser Arafat.

Key items on the agenda were Palestine and Southern Africa. Initial speeches

immediately attacked the United States, along with Israel and South Africa. South African "aggression" and a "Tel Aviv/Pretoria axis" were under fire, with active Western support cited, in particular that of the United States. Arafat's absence was explained by conference organizers as due to the "seriousness" of the situation in the Middle East, notably in Lebanon.

**Turkish soldiers killed in firing with guerrillas**

ANKARA, Dec. 7 (R) — Two gendarmic soldiers and two left-wing guerrillas were killed in a clash in a remote area of eastern Turkey Saturday, military authorities said Sunday.

A statement from the martial law command of Eastern Elazig, quoted by the Turkish radio, said the incident took place near the town of Ovacik when security forces went after a group of militants believed to be members of an extreme leftist organization.

Two of the guerrillas and a gendarmic soldier were killed during an exchange of fire while one of the wounded gendarmic soldiers died on his way to hospital, the statement said. Three militants, two of them girls, were seized and several arms were discovered.

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# Palestinian leader shot dead in Beirut

BEIRUT, Dec. 7 (Agencies) — Unidentified gunmen shot dead Monday a Palestinian leader who was paying a private visit to Beirut, security sources said.

The sources said two gunmen fired 12 shots at 41-year-old Dr. Abdul-Wahab Al-Kayyali, a member of the Palestine National Council — the commando movement's parliament-in-exile — at his office in west Beirut. The victim, a former member of the Pan-Arab Command of the Baath Party ruling in Iraq, lived in London where he owned a publishing house. He also owned a publishing house in Beirut which he visited from time to time.

Kayyali had formerly also served as head of the educational and cultural affairs department of the Palestine Liberation Organization's (PLO) Executive Committee. In this capacity, he represented the Arab Liberation

front commando group.

The PLO's executive committee, in a statement carried by the Palestinian news agency Wafa, deplored the killing and praised Kayyali as "an important intellectual and military figure." It said his death was a "great loss for the Palestinian people and the Arab nations."

The Beirut coroner, Dr. Ahmad Haramp, who examined the body, said in a statement from the American University Hospital that Kayyali suffered seven gunshot wounds that tore up both lungs and his heart, causing instantaneous death. Police said the identity of the assassins could not be established. The spokesman refused to say whether the department believed Kayyali's shooting was part of the latest wave of bombings and assassinations involving pro-Iraqi and pro-Iranian militias in Lebanon in the last two months.

## Habib concludes Israel visit

TEL AVIV, Dec. 7 (Agencies) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib ended his talks in Israel Monday without managing to wind down Israel's confrontation with Syrian and Palestinian forces in Lebanon, but was confident the ceasefire on the Lebanese border would be maintained.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Avi Pazner said Habib "believes the ceasefire will continue." Habib arranged a truce between Israel and the Palestinians July 24. "His (Habib's) mission was to solve the problems of the region. For the time being the problems have not been solved," Pazner told

## Israel to build new settlements

TEL AVIV, Dec. 7 (AFP) — The Israeli government will create two new Jewish settlements in the Golan Heights region, official sources said here.

The decision was made after a meeting Sunday between Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and representatives of the Israeli colonists in Golan.

# Arab youth killed as Gaza strike spreads

TEL AVIV, Dec. 7 (Agencies) — A Palestinian youth has been killed and four other persons, including two Israeli soldiers, have been wounded in the strike-bound Gaza area, Palestinian sources in Gaza said Monday.

According to the sources, incidents have been more serious than Israeli official statements reveal. The latter did not mention arrests of some 350 carried out Sunday. The sources confirmed that the seven-day general strike in Gaza town spread Sunday to the entire territory.

The strike movement was initiated 11 days ago by the doctors union in protest against the establishment in Gaza, as on the West Bank, of a civil government to replace the military government in several areas, which the Arabs say will perpetuate Israeli occupation.

The strikers are also protesting the Israeli tax system, which is too high. The sources said that an attempt at conciliation Sunday between Gaza Mayor Rasha al Shawa and the military government had no effect. In the West Bank city of Nablus, an informed source said the municipality will launch a sympathy strike Tuesday.

The Gaza Municipality Monday proclaimed the third two-day protest strike in a week. The municipality published a notice in local newspapers saying the strike was called "to reject the occupation and show that the Palestinians want their own rights and a free Palestinian government."

A Gaza source said Israeli military authorities ordered shopkeepers to open their stores. Troops welded shut the doors of shops whose owners ignored the call, the source said. No arrests were reported.

## Kreisky discusses Mideast in Bahrain

BAHRAIN, Dec. 7 (R) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky discussed bilateral relations and the situation in the Middle East and the Gulf with Bahraini leaders Monday.

Kreisky told the ruler, Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa, and acting Prime Minister Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa Al-Khalifa that he supported the Arab position in the Middle East conflict, the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency said. The two sides agreed to promote economic, industrial and cultural ties, the agency said.

The chancellor, who arrived here from Kuwait Sunday, left for the United Arab Emirates later.

# Haddad militia threatens to blow up power station

BEIRUT, Dec. 7 (AP) — Israeli-backed rightist Christian militia forces in South Lebanon Monday threatened to blow up the major electric power plant in the southern Lebanese town of Nabatiyeh if current was not "quickly restored" to the enclave's headquarters town Marjayoun, their radio station reported.

The "Voice of Hope" radio, monitored by local reporters in Sidon, quoted an unnamed military spokesman for Maj. Saad Haddad's enclave as issuing the threat following the sudden breakdown of electric supply to Haddad's enclave.

The spokesman called the power failure a "deliberate cut of the current that is viewed

as graver than a military breach of the ceasefire" between Israel and its Christian allies on one side and the Palestinian commandos on the other.

Nabatiyeh is controlled by Palestinians and their Lebanese nationalist allies. The spokesman said the town "will be leveled by our artillery positions if power is not quickly restored to the eastern sector" of the enclave. He set no deadline for the threatened bombardment.

The ceasefire was mediated by the United Nations and by the United States presidential envoy to the Middle East, Philip Habib, last July 24.

## Sinai residents end agitation

TEL AVIV, Dec. 7 (AFP) — Residents of the Sinai peninsula settlement of Yamit Monday ended their four-day protest against the Israeli government, by lifting a state of siege in exchange for a promise from Defense Minister Ariel Sharon to help them resolve a deadlock over the conditions for their withdrawal.

Yamit and the rest of the Sinai is to be returned to Egypt next April 25, under the terms of the 1978 Camp David peace treaty. Hundreds of residents, who termed "ridiculous" the compensation proposed for their departure, manned barricades with guns to defend against a possible assault, and prevented anyone from entering the settlement. Sharon met for two hours Monday with members of a committee representing the residents, and said afterward that he was "satisfied with these contacts, that allow for a healthier atmosphere."

The Israeli cabinet Sunday gave Sharon authority to let the army restore order and reopen the town. The residents, who then said they would resist, Monday said they would end the siege to avoid "fighting against the soldiers." Some of the settlers have opposed the withdrawal from Yamit saying that it should remain part of Israel.

## Uganda seeks aid for Islamic U

KAMPALA, Dec. 7 (AP) — A government delegation was to leave for Jeddah and Tripoli, Monday to hold discussions with the Islamic Solidarity Fund on a proposed Islamic university of Uganda.

The university was first proposed during the regime of Idi Amin but fell through when he went out of power. The delegation is headed by Dr. James Rwanyarare, minister of culture and community development.

# Government voted out in Cyprus

NICOSIA, Dec. 7 (AFP) — Twenty-one left-wing members of the Turkish Cypriot Federated Assembly Monday toppled the nationalist government headed by Mustafa Cagatay.

A motion of censure was passed 21-17 votes, with two deputies absent.

The Cagatay government was toppled by a coalition of 13 members from the Socialist Liberation Party (anti-Soviet left), six members from the Turkish Republican Party (pro-Soviet) and two members from the Populist Democratic Party (Social Democrats).

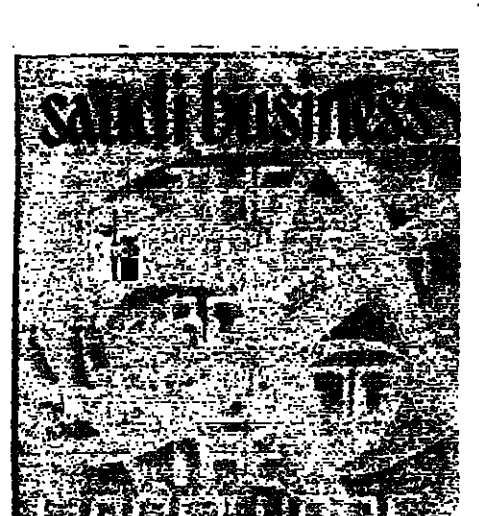
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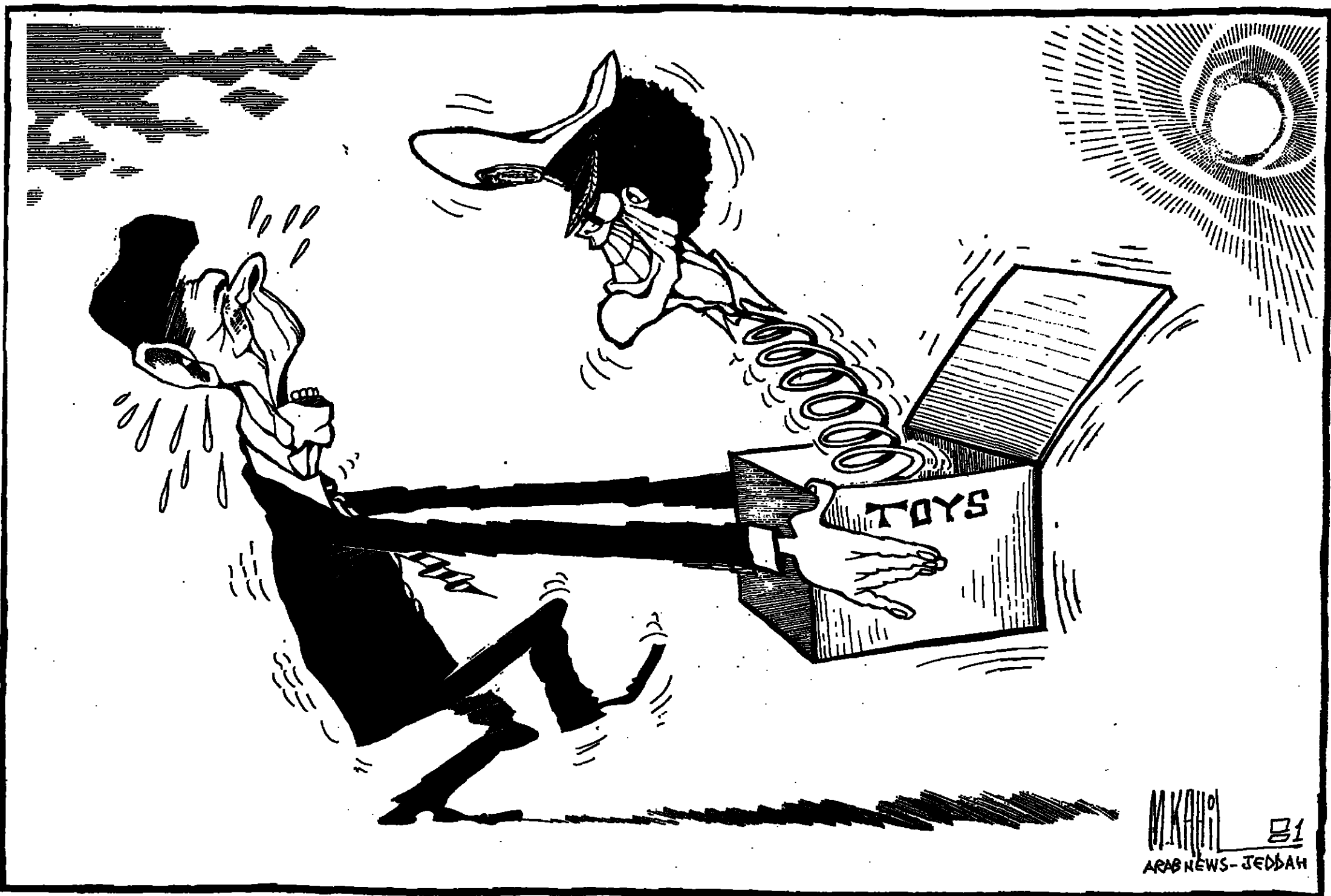
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## U.S. threats may push Nicaragua toward Soviet bloc

By Susan Morgan

**MANAGUA —** The last few days have seen an unprecedented verbal onslaught on Nicaragua by leading U.S. officials, including Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Defense Chief Caspar Weinberger, and Edwin Meese. Haig refused to rule out the possibility of armed aggression against the fragile revolutionary country that only two-and-a-half years ago toppled the loathed dictator Anastasio Somoza, supported by the United States almost to the end. The fight cost some 50,000 lives.

Now the Sandinista leadership is accused of fomenting instability in volatile Central America and of arming Salvadorean guerrillas — a charge that caused the U.S. to cut off all aid earlier this year. The Reagan administration also alleges Nicaragua is arming itself to the teeth and has even obtained 1,000 aircraft from Vietnam — allegations officials here describe as absurd. Nicaragua is on a collision course with the U.S. and the possibilities of an eventual conflict are taken seriously here.

Relations between the two countries plunged lower when two Nicaraguan dailies ripped with the accusations last week that the CIA was involved in a plot together with a group of Somoza's former National Guardsmen to kill the archbishop of Managua, and lay the blame on the Nicaraguan government. One Western diplomat recalled the ominous similarity with the Bay of Pigs debacle in Cuba in the 1960s. "The U.S. is making exactly the same mistake it one made with Cuba with Nicaragua today," he said. "Cutting of economic aid and menacing aggression are bound to push Nicaragua into the arms of the Soviet bloc."

The immediate effect of the American threats has been to rally the opposition behind the government. Both the independent daily *La Prensa*, shut down five times in the past six weeks for publishing "damaging information", and the National Democratic Movement (MDN), another government critic and itself a target of pro-Sandinista mobs, strongly condemned U.S. aggression.

In the midst of the growing internal and external crisis, the nine-man Sandinista leadership is trying to reverse the worrying polarization in the country between the disaffected private sector, liberals, Sandinista revolutionaries, and the small but influential Communist Party. Independent analysts consider discussions recently of a draft law to legitimize political parties — and thus pave the way to elections scheduled for 1985 — as a highly encouraging sign of the Sandinistas' desire to launch a dialogue with the opposition.

But they do not underestimate the difficulties involved. Many feel the future of the revolution will depend on the Sandinistas' ability to forge unity between the bitterly divided factions and work toward the reconstruction of the country.

There is already such a wide rift between the government and private businessmen (who control 60 percent of both industrial and agrarian production) that one foreign economic expert said he feared it could prove almost impossible to persuade the businessmen to re-invest in a country they believe is "going Communist" and where they fear they could lose everything.

The imprisonment of three important business leaders on Oct. 19 for terms of seven months for publishing tracts critical of the government served further to undermine the confidence of conservative business leaders. Significantly, they are not the only ones jailed for allegedly sabotaging the economy. Their cell-mates in the makeshift prison on the outskirts of the capital include some 20 prominent Communists accused of stirring up trouble among the workers.

The Sandinistas insist their aim is to carry out a profound social change while retaining political pluralism and a mixed economy. Critics believe this is simply not feasible. "Even if they really want this — and I am not certain they do — the Sandinistas' room for maneuver is being constantly eroded," commented a businessman. "I see an inexorable logic pushing this country to the Left. Thanks God Nicaragua is certainly not a police state and this revolution has

never killed anybody. But I am afraid if the U.S. keeps pushing it could get much tougher here." The conservative opposition also criticizes increasing state control of almost every area of the economy and of the media. They also stress Nicaragua's shift to the Left. In the last few months they say Nicaragua has moved far closer to Socialist bloc countries. Deputy Defense Minister Nora Astorga insists the revolution is not Marxist but nationalist and nonaligned. "We are not moving into the Socialist orbit nor are we adopting a Soviet, Chinese or even Cuban model of political development here. Our

links with Socialist countries are good but they are certainly not exclusive."

One reason for the closer links with the Socialist bloc is economic. Nicaragua is desperate for aid. Damaged by the 1972 earthquake then by a civil war, economic productivity is now lower than it was during the last years of Somoza. Officials admit that 90 percent of exports simply go to servicing the debt and paying for oil imports. This year has been just tolerable — thanks largely to the efforts of international bodies and countries like Mexico, Venezuela and Europe which have put in considerable amounts of economic support.

But last September the government felt obliged to declare a year of economic emergency. This involves cuts in public spending, exchange controls and the banning of strikes and takeover of farms and factories. Propaganda which could harm the economy is punishable by law.

Despite this emergency program — and the government's own admission of errors — the outlook is bleak. No one knows where the money Nicaragua needs will come from. It will be harder since the U.S. has been pressuring international agencies not to provide aid for a country which it claims is taking the same path as Cuba. — (ONS)

## Schmidt facing tough battle in SPD

By Paul Taylor

**BONN —** West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democratic Party (SPD) is finding no respite from its bitter internal conflicts despite the opening of U.S.-Soviet disarmament talks in Geneva. Aides say the chancellor had hoped the long-awaited talks on curbing nuclear missiles in Europe, which opened last week, would give him a domestic breathing space.

But when he defended his security and economic policies at a regional SPD congress in Bremerhaven last weekend Schmidt was heckled and booed by rank-and-file party members. The barrackers, who included members of Bremen's Social Democratic city government, challenged him to slash military spending, launch a job-creation scheme and drop plans to put new U.S.-medium-range nuclear missiles in West Germany.

"I will not do that," he bellowed over the din. "You will have to look for another chancellor if you want that." In more senses than one, Schmidt is having trouble making himself heard in the SPD. The Bremen SPD defied his appeals and passed a resolution opposing deployment of the U.S. missiles. In the past two months similar motions have been voted by regional SPD wings in Schleswig-Holstein and Saarland. The party leadership is now maneuvering hard to prevent the missiles issue from taking over next April's National SPD congress.

SPD Chairman and former Chancellor Willy Brandt, in rare union with Schmidt and parliamentary leader Herbert Wehner, wants the debate left

until late in 1983 when a decision must be taken on starting to deploy the missiles.

The party's "ruling trinity" hopes that by then Moscow and Washington will have agreed on arms curbs which could make Western rearmament unnecessary. But Schmidt's problems are unlikely to wait until 1983. The Bremerhaven heckling showed that unemployment, now running at almost 1.5 million or 6.4 percent of the workforce, is an urgent concern.

The labor office says the number of jobless could reach two million by early next year posing an unprecedented crisis after 30 years of West German industrial growth. And now the first waves of a fundamental ideological debate are breaking over the party leadership.

Credited with only about 32 percent in national opinion polls, the SPD is losing support both from its traditional working-class constituency, through abstention or defections to the opposition and from disillusioned youth and intellectuals. "Social democracy can only overcome its present identity crisis if it comes out clearly... For the great majority of working people are against fringe groups of dropouts," wrote Professor Richard Loewenthal, a senior party ideologue, in a controversial policy paper published last week.

Wehner put his signature to the Loewenthal thesis and Schmidt also supports it. He told the Bremerhaven congress that the SPD must remain a party of workers, works councils and trade unions. But Brandt and SPD Manager Peter Glotz rejected the idea that the party should turn its back

on the ecologists, pacifists, squatters and advocates of "alternative" life-styles who are making government so difficult for the SPD. These groups are fighting Schmidt over atomic power, nuclear weapons and moves to extend the Frankfurt airport.

"If one puts together all the different social movements which exist at present, then I really cannot call them fringe groups," Brandt said in a newspaper interview. He made clear that he would continue efforts to reconcile alternative groups with the SPD.

Glotz wrote in an essay for the magazine *Der Spiegel* that the ecologist movement had an electoral potential of up to 20 percent and could not be dismissed as a lunatic fringe. SPD leaders acknowledge that mass defections to the ecologists could throw the party out of power in the Hamburg and Hesse state regional elections next year.

That would give the conservative opposition Christian Democrats (CDU/CSU) a blocking two-thirds majority in the Bundestag, Bonn's second parliamentary chamber. From there they could stop most budget legislation and make Schmidt's position in government virtually untenable.

If the SPD wants to avoid that fate, party officials believe, it must restore a semblance of unity by next April's congress. The chancellor is fighting hard for his position, trying to draw the unions into an economic consensus to combat unemployment and presenting himself to the SPD as the champion of detente and East-West disarmament. But last weekend's events have shown he will have a tough battle in the coming months. (R)

## LIBYA-U.S. RIFT

The matter might be extremely serious. But it also has an undeniable element of hilarity. U.S. President Reagan lives in fear for his life — he will not leave the White House even for any social function. For, as the story goes, the watchword in Washington's security circles is at present "The Libyans Are Here" and that they are armed to the teeth and will try to "get Reagan". So well armed are they, according to the story, that they have with them an assortment of Soviet rockets. So nowhere is safe for the leader of the Western Alliance.

While the U.S. administration has been scaring itself silly in this way, Libya has officially and repeatedly denied the story. The latest instance of this denial came from Libya's leader Qaddafi himself, who, in an interview with an American television company, called Reagan a "liar", and said that the real story was that the Americans were trying to kill him.

Between Washington and Tripoli are many points of extremely bitter contention. There was the question of Libya's intervention in Chad, Libya's relations with Egypt and Sudan, and that of Libya's claim to the Bay of Sirto as falling within its territorial waters. All, as far as one can judge, are serious problems which need more than the present mixture of mayhem and farce, served by Washington, if they were to be resolved.

## Saudi Arabian press review

The worldwide attention given to the Saudi Arabian peace plan for the Middle East and condemnation of aggressive Zionist actions in southern Lebanon appeared for editorial comments in Monday's newspapers. *Al-Bilad* noted that the Arab and international support to the Kingdom's peace plan reflected the importance and viability of the principles of the plan which highlights the realities of the region for realizing a just and fair solution of the Mideast issue.

The paper felt the European concern about peace in the Middle East has emerged from their awareness that such a peace will affect the security of Europe in particular, and the whole world in general. The paper hailed the support extended by the European countries to the Kingdom's peace plan and said it reflected the existing strong Euro-Arab ties based on a clear vision of peace for the region.

On the same subject, *Okaz* introduced its eight-point peace plan to uncover the Israeli intentions and erase its false claims that Arab states were not interested in peace. "Another aim of the plan is to force Israel to withdraw from the occupied Arab lands, including Jerusalem and to enable the Palestinians to establish their independent state on their own homeland," the added.

*Okaz* underlined the importance of the time element and the necessity of intensifying efforts to let the Arab nation have a final say on its own issue of destiny.

Commenting on the Israeli anxiety over the worldwide attention given to the Saudi Arabian peace plan, *Al-Madinah* said the Zionists are seeking to foil the success of the plan, as they are fully aware of its positive impact in the U.S. and Europe.

"The Israelis in Tel Aviv have gone upset and crazy, after the Saudi Arabian peace plan has been turned into a unanimous Arab plan," the paper said. The paper noted that the Kingdom has lifted the veil of the ugly Israeli face, when it introduced the Arab and Islamic visualization for achieving just and comprehensive peace in the area. *Al-Riyadh* condemned the Israeli designs aimed at liquidating the Palestinian resistance in southern Lebanon and deplored the absence of any unified Arab strategy to confront the repeated Israeli assaults. "Israel is now completely exposed before the international community as a result of its barbaric attacks on the Palestinian people and that the international public opinion is now getting more aware of false Israeli pretenses and claims that its attacks on the Palestinians are aimed at preventing Palestinian strikes," the paper wrote. *Al-Jazirah* urged the United Nations to formulate practical measures for applying its resolutions against Israel for liberating the occupied Arab lands and restoring the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. (SPA)

## Bored war veterans find refuge in S. Africa

By Terry A. Anderson

**JOHANNESBURG —** South Africa is the last refuge for thousands of veterans of 20 years of Asian and African wars — still high on combat and bored by peace. The country is fertile ground for recruiters in adventures like the attempted coup in the Seychelles — but such jobs are rare.

The Seychelles expedition was routed on Nov. 27, and those who were not killed, captured or chased into the hills hijacked an Air India jet to get back to South Africa. Soldiers of fortune have fallen on hard times in Africa, with only five known "contracts" involving a few hundred men in the past six years. Two were organized here and both were abysmal failures.

"These aren't guys sitting around waiting for their next contract," said one former Rhodesian and South African soldier, who is a friend of many of those involved in the Seychelles incident. "They're just ex-professional soldiers dissatisfied with their jobs and bored. They're would-be mercenaries. They'd like to do it, but those things come along once in 10 years," said the veteran, who spoke on condition he not be named.

Ten years of war in Vietnam, seven years in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, and 15 of bush-fighting on the South-West Africa-Angola border have produced thousands of men, trained, experienced and in love with war. Americans from Vietnam drifted in the 1970s to Rhodesia where the white minority government was battling black guerrillas. They and thousands of Rhodesians drifted to South Africa when the war ended in 1980. Some 600 or 700 men from a dozen

countries are now serving with the South African forces in South-West Africa, also known as Namibia.

Most of them are on one-year contracts, with a 2,000 rand (\$2,100) bonus each year and perhaps 11,500 to 14,500 rand (\$12,000 to \$15,000) a year salary, depending on rank and skills.

That is significantly more than the pay for South Africans doing their mandatory military service. But many more combat veterans, including an ever-increasing number of South Africans, cannot take the strict, regular army discipline. They drift from civilian job to civilian job, dissatisfied and bored. Few countries will use them and chances for action are rare.

Friends and military sources, who declined to be identified, gave a picture of the dissatisfied former soldiers. They said David Webb was typical of those who took part in the ill-planned, poorly executed Seychelles operation. A former British army officer, Webb served three years in the Rhodesian Light Infantry, according to a man who served with him. When the war ended, he came to South Africa and sold insurance.

"He just couldn't take it," the friend said. "He couldn't adjust. He worked nine months, then quit." Then he turned up in Seychelles, an AK47 automatic rifle in his baggage.

"These guys were desperate (for action)," the former Rhodesian said. "Otherwise they never would have gone on this raid. The security was terrible. The organization was bad — they actually had to take their weapons through customs." A customs officer spotted a rifle in the luggage and shooting broke out. Five of the 44

mercenaries-cum-hijackers who reached South Africa have been charged with kidnapping.

The raid, apparently intended to overthrow President Albert Rene in favor of the man Rene overthrew in 1977, James Mancham, was the second mercenary operation known to have been mounted from South Africa in recent years. In 1979, a group of mercenaries reportedly was hired in South Africa to try to overthrow Rene but the plan leaked out and the operation was canceled before it started.

French and Belgian mercenaries based in Europe have been involved in three other recent operations, all led by former Congo mercenary Bob Denard. In 1975 Denard and his men toppled President Ahmad Abdalla of the Comoro Islands in the Indian Ocean and installed Ali Solih in 1977. Denard tried to bring down Benin leader Mathieu Kerekou but failed.

In 1978, Denard was backing the Comoros, helping oust Ali Solih and restore Ahmad to power. Denard's compatriot in the Congo fighting in the 1960s, Col. Michael "Mad Mike" Hoare, and three followers were the only experienced mercenaries involved in the recent Seychelles debacle. However, they had not fought as mercenaries in nearly 20 years.

"They're mercenaries, I guess, because they took money for fighting," the former Rhodesian soldier said. "But you can't say they're professionals, because they don't (do it all the time). Most of those I know were first-time mercenaries." He said the men were given \$1,000 for signing up, and were to receive \$10,000 later.

"They were also supposed to live free in the Seychelles, with a flat or a cabin or something and be heroes," he said. (AP)



# Comprehensive book documents silver fashioning, decoration

By Kathy Lund  
Arab and Islamic Silver by Saad Al-Jadir, Stacey International, London, 1981. SR 150

JEDDAH — One of the great art forms of the Arab and Islamic world has for centuries been the fashioning and decoration of silver. Yet strangely enough very little attention has been devoted to its documentation.

There are scatterings of publications on the silverware of specific areas or specific peoples, such as Heather Colyer Ross's fascinating *Bedouin Jewelry of Saudi Arabia*. But, for the enthusiast who wants to research the whole subject, it has been virtually impossible to find a book that brings together information and illustration under one cover.

Until now, that is. At last the gap has been filled with the timely publication of *Arab and Islamic Silver*, a book that will be welcomed by the growing band of collectors of this delightful art form. The book has been written by Iraqi born Dr. Saad Al-Jadir, a town planner by profession and Islamic silverwork lover by inclination.

In his professional capacity Al-Jadir has worked extensively in the Middle East and also further afield in the Islamic world. As he traveled, collecting silverware became his consuming hobby. The results of that love — a collection of some 5,000 pieces of jewelry, ornaments, pieces of art — form the basis of the book. The collection is regarded as so significant that it formed the Gulbenkian Foundation's 25th Anniversary Exhibition in 1981 in Lisbon. It later toured a number of Islamic countries.



FINE URN: The silverwork on this vase illustrates the incomparable craftsmanship.

According to the book's publisher, Tom Stacey, there was a real need for such a volume. "There's a growing interest in the subject," he said, "and people are always looking for good pieces. An authoritative book on the subject will make a huge difference." In fact, Stacey predicts that an impact of the book will be that prices will rise. It will provide collectors with guidelines and will increase interest in the subject.

For such enthusiasts the real value of the publication is the information it gives the reader on the history of silverwork, the significance of the craft and the cultural role it plays. As the author says: "I merely hope to create new interest and open the way for further and deeper study and research into Arab and Islamic silverwork." Certainly the hundreds of excellent color plates in the book are enough to whet the appetite.

The research Al-Jadir has done has certainly unearthed a fascinating tale. He writes that the Egyptians probably succeeded in purifying silver before 2000 BC and many wars were fought for the vital secrets of mining and refining. He adds that mines which are still being worked in the Arabian Peninsula and Iran have been discovered to date from as early as the first millennium BC.

Al-Jadir talks about the integral place that jewelry has always played in the Arab lifestyle. "Arabic everyday sayings stress the financial importance of jewelry: 'Metals are for hard times' and 'Jewelry for adornment and investment.' By selling or pawning her jewelry, a woman can realize funds to overcome a crisis in her life; so the possession of jewelry satisfies both a need for security and the wish to display her position.

In Iraq, a woman will never sell her Khizama (nose-ring) but keeps it until her death, when its sale pays for her shroud. Jewelry is inherited but also frequently given by the older to the younger generation at the celebration of special occasions.

The book is divided into two main sections. Four early chapters deal with history, cultural influence, techniques and the importance of such folk arts. Four chapters in the next major section deal with silverwork region by region in the Arab and Islamic world. There are chapters on the silverwork of North Africa and Spain; the Arabian Peninsula; the Levant, Mesopotamia, Persia, Turkey and Caucasia; and Central and South-east Asia.

Stacey describes Saudi Arabia as "absolutely central" in the development of the art. "As the fountainhead of Islam it was from here that the injunction came that there should be no representation of any living creature. It was this dictate that inspired the wonderful use of symmetry and geometrical design as the basis for the art form. The

development of this reaped huge artistic rewards as the silverwork will testify."

He added that the nomadic lifestyle of the peoples of this region obviously encouraged the manufacture of small precious artifacts. Thus man's instinctive yearning for beauty became focused on things he could carry.

Al-Jadir himself speaks of the early influence of the Bedu on the developing cultures which played a role in the long-term evolution of the art form. He describes the Bedu as providing one of the purest links with the "Cradle of Civilization". He adds that "recent archeological discoveries with the Kingdom have proved beyond doubt that Bedouins influenced the cultures of Sumer, Babylonia and Assyria."

# India's camels called dependable, more so than modern improvements

By Tyler Marshall

PUSHKAR, India (LAT) — As in a scene from a Cecil B. DeMille film, smoke from thousands of campfires drifted lazily over the desert encampment crowded with camels, horses and cattle, along with their turbaned, dark-skinned owners. The only links to the 20th Century were the electric lights from this nearby Hindu holy town and a cluster of modern tents for tourists drawn to the spectacle.

Asia's most colorful camel-trading fair was in full swing. The size of the event, which this year brought about 10,000 camels plus traders from throughout India's desert state of Rajasthan and adjoining areas, suggests the extent to which this ancient desert beast is still in demand.

The camel, a vital part of life and lore in India's desert region, has survived the changes of the modern world as successfully as it has the extremes of desert climate.

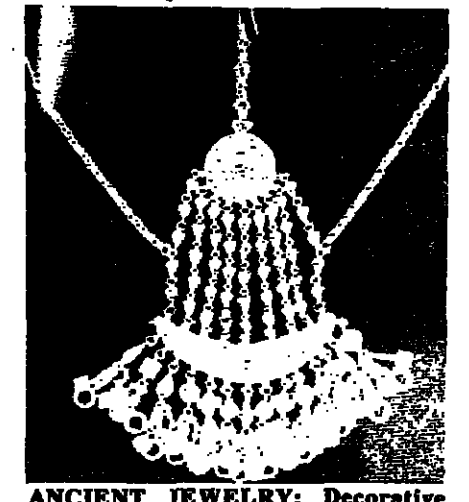
India has spent billions of dollars on a sophisticated military arsenal, but it still uses camel-mounted troops to patrol the sensitive desert frontier with Pakistan. Pakistan does the same thing.

"In that kind of terrain, nothing can match them," B.V.S. Drona, an officer in India's Border Security Force (BSF) said recently. Desert farmers, who have found that the camel is often better suited than expensive tractors for ploughing their small plots of land, have also found additional uses for the animal. In the early 1950s, for example, some local artisans developed a highly efficient camel cart that rolls on old airplane tires.

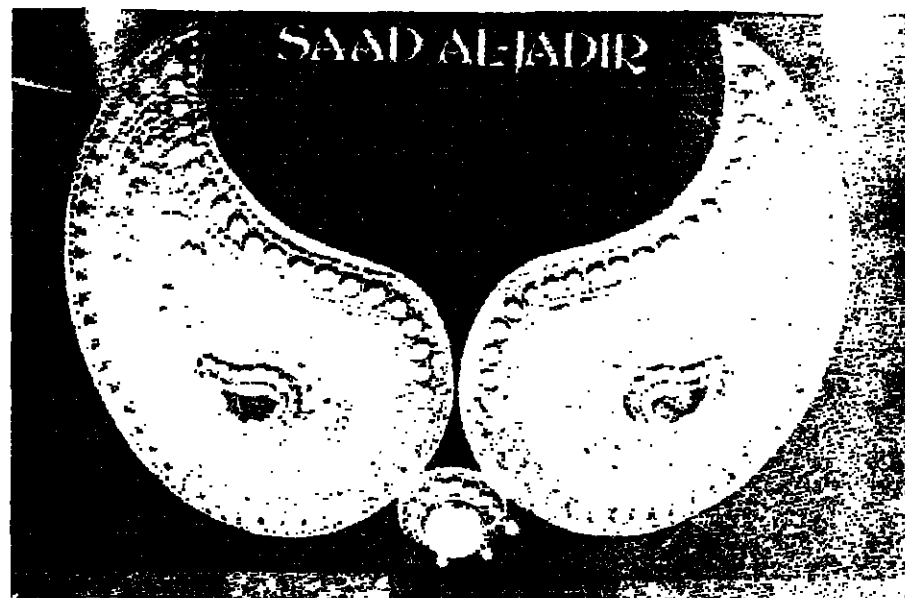
Today, this blend of the culturally old and new carries people and goods up to 40 miles in a 10-hour day. The cart's capacity — up to two tons or 15 people — and low operating cost make it economical despite its slow pace. "Time doesn't matter," Pukha Ramji, a village elder, said with a shrug. "If people have more time, they only fight."

Ramji's village which has 400 camels, got its first tractor in 1975 and has since added four others. But Ramji expressed doubt that there would be a sixth soon. A tripling of diesel fuel prices in recent years has helped push the tractor further out of reach for all but the richest landowners.

"Besides," Ramji said, "it's easier to resell a camel. No one wants a tractor."



ANCIENT JEWELRY: Decorative jewelry shown here was deftly forged by craftsmen who maintained close scrutiny about every detail.



ELABORATE DESIGN: The front cover of Arab and Islamic Silver shows this silverwork in full color to demonstrate the fine works of art created by craftsmen. The book itself is profusely illustrated.

# Synthetic drugs fight disease, are less costly

By a Science Correspondent

LONDON — The latest scientific technique to be used in increasing the quantity of rare and beneficial drugs is the development of synthetic drugs which exhibit the same properties and can be produced in larger quantities.

An antibiotic, naturally produced by a bacterium and used to fight a range of infections, has now been chemically synthesized—and is thus less costly for patients.

According to chemists at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, erythromycin works by inhibiting protein synthesis in susceptible micro-organisms. By producing it in the laboratory, the drug can be tailored to have different actions and to combat bacteria resistant to the natural antibiotic.

Erythromycin is naturally manufactured by the bacterium *Streptomyces erythraeus*. In the laboratory, however, its production requires: The assembly of a chain of carbon groups; the joining of the chain ends to form a ring called a macrolide; and the addition of two sugar molecules, properly placed and located.

Even though it requires sophisticated chemistry, the drug should now be easily available for treating bacterial infections at a much lower cost than before.

A group of British research scientists has succeeded in making prostacyclin from purely synthetic materials. The drug, which occurs naturally in minute amounts, has previously been synthesized from purely synthetic materials. The drug, which occurs naturally in minute amounts, has previously been synthesized from natural products which are available only in small quantities at great expense.

The scientists, based at the northwest England University of Salford, used petrochemical derivatives to start the synthesis. They are now hoping to adapt their work to the synthesis of analogues.

Recent research work into the use of prostacycline shows that it prevents clotting in the blood and might be used to combat arrhythmia following a heart attack. It is produced naturally in the walls of blood vessels and released into the bloodstream where it inhibits the aggregation of platelets. Researchers also believe that it can inhibit the formation of secondary tumors by cancer cells carried in the bloodstream.

# Generations of engineers frustrated

# Technical problems, cold, snow, slow plans for Russian mountain railway

TBILISI, Soviet Georgia (RA) — A century-old plan to blast a railway line straight through the rugged Caucasus mountains, which screen Russia from Georgia, may soon be put into action. The plan would cut the journey from Moscow south to the Georgian capital of Tbilisi by 1,000 kilometers (625 miles). It would also open up remote mountain communities cut off from the outside world by snow for nine months of the year.

The problems involved in carving tunnels through the towering mountains and putting bridges across wind-swept ravines have frustrated generations of engineers.

Leonid Kvartskhava, director of the Georgian Transport Research Institute which has been preparing recommendations for the last 100 years, is convinced supporters of the plan now hold sway in the upper reaches of the planning bureaucracy.

"We have been surveying and reviewing the work of our predecessors from as long ago as 120 years. It will be an immense project not just because of the technical problems but because of the cold and snow cover up there," he said.

Officials in Moscow have in the past balked at giving the go-ahead for the one-billion-ruble (\$1.5 billion) plan despite pressure from Tbilisi.

But during a speech in the Georgian capital last May President Leonid Brezhnev called for more urgent steps to complete preparations.

The two existing rail links with the heavily industrial areas of European Russia snake around the edge of the Caucasus mountains and skirt the Black and Caspian seas. They are so overloaded with holiday makers heading for beach resorts, and goods traffic that proper maintenance is becoming impossible.

Constant delays threaten to choke the economic development of the transcaucasian republics of Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia. They also impede the delivery of scarce fruit and vegetables to the Soviet capital and needy areas of Siberia.

The 180 kilometer (120 mile) line would shorten a journey across the mountain barrier by about 24 hours and provide a more reliable link with the Soviet Union's southern trading partners in Iran, Turkey and Afghanistan.

Over the last 100 years the Tsarist and then the Communist authorities have rejected a wealth of ingenious plans — many verging on the bizarre. One ambitious engineer proposed a "railway in the sky" to run on stilts along the edge of the Caspian sea.

But the project's Chief Engineer Nikolai Svanishvili believes Brezhnev's personal intervention could now set the project in motion by the end of the decade.

"We started off with 11 possible routes through the range and now we have narrowed it down, which we will present to (the state planning committee) Gosplan for approval next year. We hope to get the right decision, he said.

"More detailed plans must be drawn up and construction will take a good many years

even if the work goes without hitches. We might see the first train through the Caucasuses around the year 2,000," he added.

The line would open up some of the most beautiful scenery in the Soviet Union and there are plans to build a number of health spas high in the mountains, around mineral springs.

The favored route would follow the river northwards from Anzica, Mtskheta, across the Arkhot Pass at a height of 2,400 meters (7,900 feet) and connect with Ordzhonikidze on the north side of the range.

"We plan to cut a straight line right through the mountains making as few turns and detours as possible. But you cannot bore tunnels through the bases of those mountains — that would be too huge a task — so the line will have to climb quite steeply in places," Svanishvili explained.

Engineers estimate they will have to bore about 40 kilometers (25 miles) tunnels through slate and limestone rock and build more than 70 bridges.

One of the tunnels, which will be built at the railway's highest point, could be as long as 23 kilometers (15 miles), Svanishvili said.

Constructors will also have to run high-voltage cables along the two-track line to power the special heavy-duty locomotives at

a maximum speed of 80 kilometers (50 miles) per hour.

On the downhill stretches of the journey the power supply will be cut and the train will generate its own electricity through dynamos connected to the wheels.

Soviet engineers have amassed considerable technical experience building a new 3,000 kilometer (2,000 mile) railway called Bam across the frozen swamps, forests and mountains of Siberia to link central Russia with the Pacific Coast. The line is due for completion in the middle of the decade.

Kvartskhava believes the Caucasus project will assume the same national importance as Bam, drawing workers and resources from all over the Soviet Union. Students will also be called in to lend a hand during their holidays.

But Western experts believe the climatic and physical conditions encountered in the Caucasus will be even more complicated than those on the railroad so Moscow may have to look overseas for some technical know-how.

Svanishvili agrees that there will be considerable problems and dangers of avalanches and rock slides.

Engineers will have to build a vast number of specially strong galleries above the railway line to contain any snow slides and protect the trains.

# Historic airplanes, cars on-the-block for \$3m-plus

By Ike Flores  
ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — Collectors from around the world will soon be bidding thousands of dollars for rare airplanes and cars ranging from a World War I Sopwith Camel to a 1934 Packard Sport Phaeton. Officials of Christie's, the noted British auction firm, believe the sale of 54 aircraft and 20 vehicles from Orlando's Wings and Wheels Museum may bring upwards of \$3 million in a few hours' time.

Bidding on the gleaming five-passenger Packard — the 1934 Chicago World's Fair show car — may approach the world record price of \$400,000 paid for a 1936 Mercedes in Los Angeles in 1979, said Christie's Auction Director Robert Seaver.

The 1917-18 Sopwith Camel biplane is valued at \$250,000 to \$1 million, depending on which aviation buff you talk to.

The single-seater fighter, credited with having scored more victories than any other allied plane in World War I, is only one of about half a dozen known to exist.

The Camel, however, may take second billing to a 1928 Ford trimotor, the famous "Tin Goose" used in commercial aviation and by Admiral Byrd in his flight to the South Pole.

That one may go for \$500,000 plus, says Seaver.

"These two planes are both historically

important and rare, and it is nip-and-tuck as to which is the more valuable to collectors," said the museum's general manager, Orvis Rigby.

A 1918 Fokker, the greatest of Germany's fighter aircraft in World War I, also is on the auction block. It was used in *Hell's Angels*, the classic Howard Hughes film made in 1927.

A snappy, red-and-black 1930 Duesenberg convertible is expected to go for about \$125,000.

Wings and wheels, a combination of three separate collections put together by Dolph Overton of Smithfield, North Carolina, went out of business when it lost its lease at Orlando International Airport this fall.

It decided to auction off most of its collection rather than start up elsewhere because of the expense and transportation difficulties involved with its fragile items, said Rigby.

Christie's has mailed out 650 copies of a handsome, red-jacketed catalogue detailing the museum's contents. And it expects about 500 "serious buyers" for the auction. Admission is by catalogue only.

"There are a large number of very prominent private collectors and well-known personalities who will be coming, but we are not at liberty to divulge names," said Seaver.

# Venice of the East? Bangkok sinking six inches a year

BANGKOK (AFP) — Bangkok, built 200 years ago in the swampy marshy delta of the Chao Phraya River, could be completely below sea level by the turn of the century. This sprawling, teeming capital, bustling port and commercial center is sinking in parts at a staggering rate of up to 14 centimeters (six inches) a year.

"Compare this to Venice, where the rate of sinking was only one or two centimeters a year, and you get a general idea of the problem we are facing," says professor. Prinya Nalayaag of Bangkok's Asian Institute of Technology (AIT).

Parts of the city that were above sea level three years ago are now as much as 38 cms below sea level. Every day this metropolis of some six million people sucks up about a million cubic meters of water from its 10,000-odd existing wells.

"The subsidence is caused by this massive pumping out of underground water," says Dr. Prinya. "The main priority is to put a stop to it and find a sufficient alternative water supply."

Dr. Prinya heads a government-

appointed commission set up three years ago to look into the very real problem of land subsidence, and the means to combat it.

This is Thailand's first serious investigation into subsidence. The costly survey should be completed by July 1982, but its recommendations are due to be presented to the Thai cabinet early next year.

Low-lying Bangkok, flood-plagued several months of the years when the heavy monsoons lash the country, already has a massive drainage and sewage problem. This has been aggravated by the population explosion in recent years, with the subsequent burgeoning of industry and housing that municipal services have been unable to keep up with.

The bulk of the city's subsidence is in the east, where industry has expanded and new housing estates have sprung up.

"These people all rely on water, and because expansion has been so rapid municipal water doesn't stretch that far," says Dr. Prinya. "Basically because of lack of funding and money mismanagement, Bangkok's

water supply is in chaos, and some places get no water at all from the MWWA (Metropolitan Water Works Authority)."

"So the housing estates and the electricity generating plants just dig a hole and use underground water," he said. "Subsidence is very obvious around the city: New buildings are cracking, roads and pavements need continual repair, and in some places the soil is actually moving away from the foundations of buildings."

"If nothing is done immediately, the floods will encroach more and more each year and the entire city could be below sea level in 20 years," says Dr. Prinya.

Bangkok started using underground water only in 1957, when the population was about 1.5 million. The capital's surface water comes from the Chao Phraya River and a system of canals for water supply built about 70 years ago.

"Bangkok has to stop using underground water sources and depend solely on surface water," Dr. Prinya says. "Much of the surface water is polluted, however. So the big problem here is water pollution control and getting enough surface water to make underground water unnecessary," he said.



FESTIVAL: Thai plowing ceremony is held each year in order to symbolize good crops and harvests. Two bulls are led around Bangkok's central Prasanna ground by members of the palace guard from Thailand's royal household.



### Angola invaded

## S.Africa knocks out two SWAPO bases

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 7 (AP) — South African soldiers knocked out the central headquarters of the South-West Africa People's Organization during their deepest invasion of Angola since the 1975 Angolan war, a military spokesman said Monday.

However, the spokesman said the three-week operation that ended Nov. 20 but was only disclosed Monday was much smaller than an invasion launched in August. And the spokesman said that, unlike the August operation, there was no contact with Angolan forces or their Soviet advisers during the 240-kms-deep strike. "This was totally in a SWAPO-controlled area," the spokesman said in a telephone interview from Pretoria.

There were an estimated 4,000 soldiers and a column of armored vehicles in the August invasion, called Operation Protea. This latest operation, called Operation Daisy, "wasn't nearly as big as Protea," the spokesman added.

The South African soldiers, supported by mechanized columns, hit SWAPO bases at Chitequeta and Bambi in Southeastern Angola, the spokesman said. He said four South African soldiers died during the incursion and 71 SWAPO soldiers were killed. The spokesman said the aim of the operation was to disrupt SWAPO's logistical planning. The invasion force operated from a base

set up at the former Portuguese trading store at Londe, 120 kms inside Angola. The spokesman said paratroopers captured Londe during a pre-dawn raid. Londe, which has landing strips was being used by SWAPO forces, the spokesman said.

The South African command had feared the Angolan military might intervene, using Soviet-built MiG-21 flown by Cuban or East German pilots, the spokesman said. But he added, "there was a lot of Angolan Air Force activity during the operation as MiGs took off from Menongue, but they never showed aggressive intentions."

A South African Mirage did shoot down a MiG21, apparently flown by a Cuban, during Operation Daisy, but the incident occurred 200 kms from the invasion area, the spokesman said. The spokesman said troops destroyed large caches of arms, ammunition, other equipment and food when they captured SWAPO's main base, said to cover a 36-square-kms area.

SWAPO soldiers had fled the base several hours before the South Africans arrived, the spokesman added. South Africa's deepest Angolan incursion was Operation Savannah when a mechanized column pushed more than 1,200 kms inside Angola to come within 80 kms of the capital of Luanda during the 1975 Angolan civil war.

## OAS debates Salvador poll

CASTRIES, St. Lucia, Dec. 7 (AP) — Representatives of the Organization of American States began debate Monday on a resolution that would support plans by the U.S. backed junta in El Salvador to hold elections in March.

A draft of the resolution, while not directly approving those plans, says democratic elections are the way for Salvadorans to resolve their conflict. Coalitions of left-wing political and guerrilla groups are battling to overthrow the civilian-military junta.

The draft calls on OAS member states to cooperate in observing the elections if asked by El Salvador in order to help guarantee their "purity." When U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig addressed the OAS General Assembly delegates Friday, he suggested the group "support the government of El Salvador as it leads its people through the electoral process toward a political solution of the conflict there."

In El Salvador, a prominent sectarian leader Arturo Rivera Y. Damas said Sunday, "this (war) weariness has started to affect the pre-electoral atmosphere and makes it appear that elections by themselves will not be the hoped-for solution for the simple reason that elections and war are distinct problems."

Arturo Rivera Y. Damas did not elaborate but in comments he said of the planned elections, "they're good, but they're not enough."

The junta headed by President Jose Napoleon Duarte says it will hold elections for a constituent assembly March 21.

Those elections will be followed a year later by balloting to replace the current government, formed after an October 1979 coup that ousted a right-wing dictatorship. Human

rights groups estimate that some 4,000 persons have been killed in political violence since the coup.

Fidel Chavez Mena, the Salvadoran foreign minister, told the OAS assembly Saturday that the elections would be the first absolutely free ones in 50 years. The left, which has declined to participate, rejects that claim, citing El Salvador's long history of electoral fraud and manipulation.

Supporters of the guerrilla insurgents also say free elections are impossible because of the suspension of rights and continued operations of right-wing terror squads.

Meanwhile, about 4,000 persons turned out for a peace rally sponsored by the centrist United Popular Democratic Labor Federation at San Salvador's Flor Blanca Stadium Sunday. They carried signs reading "Social justice, yes, violence no," "Stop violence from wherever it comes," and "We want to live in peace."

Jose Luis Grande Presa, secretary-general of the affiliate Central de Trabajadores Salvadoreños, said the rally was a "last try" to urge a peaceful solution to the civil strife. "It is a protest against the violence and against the terrorism that exists in our country," he said in an interview.

He said the blame was placed equally on leftist guerrillas and on some members of the government security forces who allegedly spearhead a rightist terror campaign. Grande said the UPD, which includes urban and rural unions, was trying to pressure the military to accept a negotiated settlement and to make contacts among the guerrilla forces to do the same. The government has rejected such suggestions of negotiations in the past. The coalition's affiliates have a membership exceeding 500,000, Grande said.

### After bloody war in 1962

## China, India to discuss border

PEKING, Dec. 7 (AP) — Almost 20 years after they fought a bloody war, China and India open talks this week to solve an old border feud and normalize relations between the world's two most populous nations.

The border dispute will be the main issue of the talks. Negotiators also will cover a wide range of trade, economic and cultural ties. Two-way trade totals only \$100 million a year, most of it in India's sales to China.

Political observers say they do not expect a breakthrough on the border problem which erupted into war in October 1962 when China seized Indian-controlled territory. But the talks are considered a significant step.

The Indian delegation is headed by Eric Gonsalves, Foreign Secretary for Asian affairs. His Chinese counterpart is Vice Foreign Minister Han Nianlong. Gonsalves' party arrived Monday for the talks, which start Thursday.

The Chinese, who clearly want better ties, hope to weaken Soviet influence on the Indian subcontinent, observers say. The Soviet Union, which China considers the world's greatest menace, is the major source of weapons and economic aid to India, a predominantly poor nation of 600 million people.

China, which is concentrating on modernization for its population of 1 billion, cannot

offer the help India gets from the Soviets. But diplomats say China is taking a long-range view, hoping friendly ties will become a factor in India's foreign policy.

Relations were frozen since 1962, and only in 1976 did China and India again exchange ambassadors. Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua visited India last June and both sides agreed to meet again in Peking.

India has dropped its demand of solving the border problem as a precondition for normalization talks. India says it is willing to develop other aspects of the relationship while border negotiations continue.

The problem is highly complicated, with conflicting claims. India recognizes the McMahon line in the Indian-Tibet area, drawn by the British in 1914. China recognizes claims held before the line was drawn.

At issue are 36,250 square kilometers of territory in eastern Kashmir, through which China has built a highway linking Sinkiang with Tibet, and all of Arunachal Pradesh in the northeast, from which China withdrew after the war.

India has an estimated 195,000 troops along the border. China's border strength is not known.

China has hinted it might be willing to give up its claim of Arunachal Pradesh. India says it stands by the McMahon borderline.

ing in this area and the police are unable to catch the culprits. If the groups see an attack, they will stop it," he said. "We are not taking the law into our own hands — we are trying to maintain it."

Roy Hattersley, opposition Laborite spokesman on home affairs, east London legislator Eric Deakin, lawyers and members of local community groups attended the meeting.

### India fire toll rises to 60

NEW DELHI, Dec. 7, (R) — Sixty persons are now known to have died in a fire which gutted a large wood and canvas model of the Himalayas Sunday night, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported Monday.

The blaze raced through the 20-meter-high exhibit in the western Indian town of Ahmedabad. About 100 persons were on the model when it burst into flames and the structure was gutted in minutes.

The model had been set up for a religious exhibition outside a temple. It was the second major tragedy in India in three days. On Friday, 45 persons were crushed to death on the staircase of an ancient tower in Delhi.

## JAL remakes calendars as China objects

TOKYO, Dec. 7 (AP) — Japan Air Lines has been forced to remake about 400,000 calendars for next year because Chinese authorities have objected to Miss February, a demure looking dance student posing in traditional Chinese dress.

Geoffrey Tudor, spokesman for Japan's flag carrier, said the Chinese gave no reason for demanding the withdrawal late last month of the picture from JAL's popular "Women of the World" calendar series.

"The picture is not lewd — she's a well-dressed, good looking, modern Chinese miss," he said.

He said some calendars with the photo already had been distributed to travel agencies and other companies in Japan when the objections were raised. The calendars were then recalled and the whole lot rebound with a Japanese model in the February slot.

The Chinese model, a student at the Peking National Dance Academy, posed wearing a long traditional dress with a vermilion floral pattern. There is no sign of a slit up the side, a style regarded as decadent by China's conservative arbiters of taste.

Displays of provocative femininity have long been condemned by Chinese authorities as exploitation, although recently some young women have begun to cast off their baggy trousers and don Western attire.

JAL has been printing its "Women of the World" calendars, picturing women of various nations in native costume, for about 10 years, but the 1982 calendar was the first to include a Chinese model.

Some 65,000 Japanese visited China in 1980, with many traveling on JAL package tours, and the picture was included as part of JAL's campaign to encourage more people to visit China.

### 'A step toward coalition'

## Khmers disband Communist Party

BANGKOK, Thailand, Dec. 7 (AP) — The ousted Khmer Rouge regime of Cambodia has taken a final decision on abolishing its Communist Party at a meeting of its central committee held Sunday, the Khmer Rouge radio announced Monday.

The radio, believed broadcasting from southern China and monitored here, said the decision was reached "after having collected opinions expressed by the Cambodian people from all walks of life...both from Cambodian people inside the Communist Party and outside the party."

The announcement comes at a time when the Khmer Rouge government of Democratic Kampuchea — still seated at the United Nations — is under pressure from the non-Communist Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to enter into a "loose coalition government" with two non-Communist Cambodian resistance factions.

"This looks like a step toward a coalition, but it is not yet clear what impact this has on their government," said one ASEAN diplomat, in an initial reaction to the announcement. He said it was a continuation of Khmer Rouge efforts to improve their image.

Two years ago, they announced a political program that would restore Cambodia's monetary system, restore the family unit, allow religion and re-establish the education system — all of which were abolished while the Khmer Rouge were in power, he added.

He said the Khmer Rouge decision, following two days after the removal of Pen Sovann as party secretary in the Vietnamese-backed rival government in Phnom Penh, had complicated the Cambodia situation.

"The Khmer Rouge are aware that their vote in the U.N. has increased, but that they are criticized for their past record. This brings into question the position of current (Khmer Rouge) leaders Khieu Samphan and Ieng Sary," he said.

"Pen Sovann was accepted as being put in by the Vietnamese, and being very pro-

Vietnamese," he said. "You don't change a visible leadership without it having some meaning. It could mean many things. What does it indicate of Soviet-Vietnamese rivalry in Cambodia?" he asked.

A Western diplomat called the announcement "another ploy" by the Khmer Rouge. "They have been going in this direction for months. They are on the defensive, in world opinion and in Cambodian opinion particularly."

He said that if the abolition of the Communist Party was followed by self-exile of a dozen or so top leaders, "then you would really have to look at it."

Foreign ministers of ASEAN — comprising Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand — are due to meet in Thailand Thursday to discuss strategy if the Khmer Rouge should agree to join a coalition.

The coalition proposal came from Singapore Deputy Prime Minister Sinnathambay Rajaratnam here last month, when he called for a "loose coalition government" of the Khmer Rouge, forces of ex-premier Son Sann and former head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

Son Sann and Sihanouk have already agreed to the proposal, which would set up a temporary government with the sole object of bringing about a Vietnamese troop withdrawal from Cambodia, and U.N.-supervised elections.

Both of the three resistance groups would retain control of its own affairs under the arrangement.

Both Phnom Penh and Hanoi have called the attempt of ASEAN to promote the resistance coalition "an interference in the internal affairs of Cambodia," and had shown no signs of wishing to achieve a political solution to the Cambodia conflict, up to the Phnom Penh change of leadership Friday.

Foreign visitors to Phnom Penh say the bulk of the population appears to tolerate the Vietnamese occupation, largely because vivid memories remain of the hardships and killings under the Khmer Rouge's revolutionary rule.

## Chan Si named prime minister

HANOI, Dec. 7 (AFP) — Cambodian Defense Minister and Vice Premier Chan Si has been appointed acting Prime Minister in the weekend leadership switch in Phnom Penh, Cambodian charge d'affaires told Agence France-Presse here Monday.

Pen Sovann, who lost his job as party secretary-general at the weekend, is no longer prime minister, the charge d'affaires said. Earlier announcements had not specified whether he had retained the premiership.

He had no other details of the leadership changes announced by the Cambodia party on Saturday in which Heng Samrin, the state council chairman, was named Communist Party secretary-general.

Chan Si was one of two vice premiers in the Phnom Penh government installed by Vietnamese forces in January 1979. Aged 49, he came from Kompong Chhang in the center of the country.

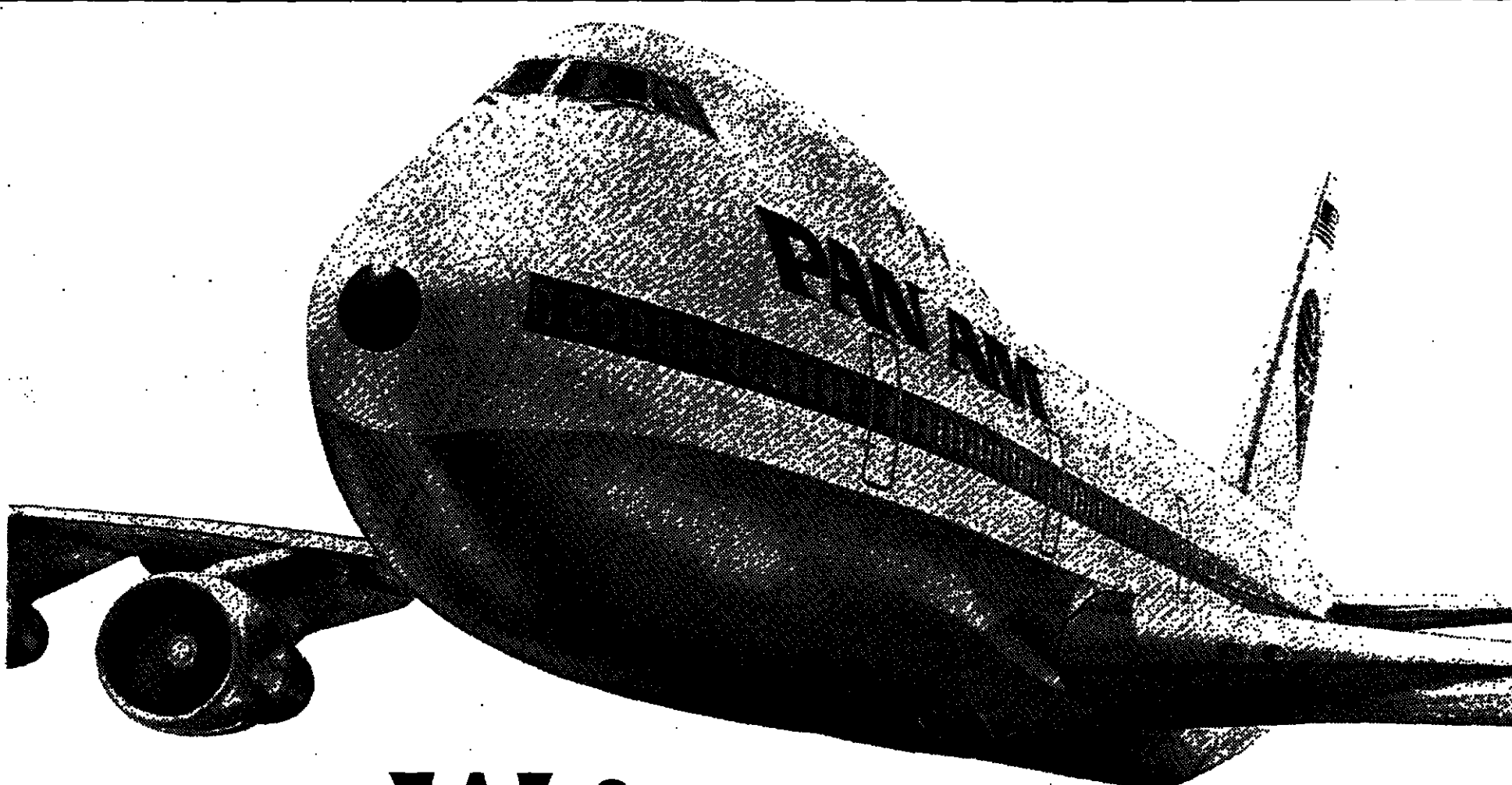
## Canada patients escape plane crash

EDMONTON, Alberta, Dec. 7 (AFP) — Hospital patients and the crew of a private plane had a lucky escape when their twin-engine craft crashed into the roof of the Royal Alexander Hospital's emergency wing here Monday.

The two occupants of the plane were dragged from the wreckage alive and conscious. One hundred and twenty patients were

evacuated from the 936-bed hospital because of the danger from kerosene leaking from the Mitsubishi MU2 plane.

The accident would have been much more serious if the plane had only been a few meters lower when it struck the six-floor building, hospital authorities said. The air conditioning plant was wrecked.



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**Botha refutes charges**

**Mercenary admits to being S. African spy**

VICTORIA, Dec. 7 (Agencies) — One of the mercenaries arrested after last month's abortive coup d'etat attempt on the Seychelles has admitted to being a high-level spy of the South African government.

Questioned by journalists here Monday, the man, who said his real name was Martin Dolincheck, said he was an active officer of the South African national intelligence service. He entered the Seychelles before the November coup attempt on a spying mission under the false name of Anton Lubic, he said.

But Prime Minister P. W. Botha and top police authorities denied accusations by the Seychelles government that South African officials were involved in the attempted coup in the Indian Ocean island nation.

Botha, interviewed by the South African Broadcasting Corp., said Sunday night South Africa could not reply to every charge made for what he called propaganda purposes. He said the allegations were ridiculous.

Earlier in the day, Seychelles President

Albert Rene told reporters in Victoria, the island capital, that one of the mercenaries captured after the abortive coup Nov. 25 is a high-ranking South African security policeman who went to Seychelles with the knowledge of his commanding officers.

South African Police Minister Louis Le Grange, interviewed by SABC, denied that any South African policeman "was ever involved in any coup attempt on the Seychelles." He said no policeman had requested or received permission to take part.

"The whole thing is a deliberate lie," Le Grange said. Lt. Gen. Johan Coetzee, head of South Africa's security police, denied that anyone named Martin Dolincheck or Anton Lubic was a member of the South African police.

A South African military spokesman announced that Defense Minister Gen. Magnus Malan has appointed a board to probe allegations that South African soldiers were involved in the coup attempt. The spokesman

quoted Malan as saying that, because some of the plotters came from South Africa, it was understandable that rumors would wrongly involve the defense forces in the coup.

Meanwhile, some of the mercenaries from the coup attempt on the Seychelles have turned on their leader, veteran mercenary "Colonel" Mike Hoare, saying he "went to pieces" when the raid started to go wrong.

According to at least two members of the force, 62-year-old "Mad Mike" was later rendered incapable of speech and coordinated movement, leaving them without any effective leadership, the South African News Agency Sapa reported.

The two slammed the mercenaries' chain of command, saying an excellent group of fighting men had been failed by the amateurishness and incompetence of its leaders.

The mercenaries, whose names were not given, told Sapa that the team was ordered to divide into splinter groups after landing at Point Larue Airport, on the island of Mahe, on

Nov. 25.

One group captured the airport control tower, and two men of the reconnaissance movement seized the Air-India jet in which some of the group was later to escape, while the rest fought the Seychelles government forces.

In Salisbury, Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe blamed South Africa for the Seychelles coup attempt. It was clear proof "of a rabid racist regime gone wild in our neighborhood and constituting serious danger to all its neighbors," he told round table conference of the African Association for Public Administration and Management Monday.

Mugabe, who did not elaborate on the charge, declared, "Time has now come for Africa to call a halt not only by words but by united action as well to mad apartheid on the rampage and forcefully insist that South Africa observe international rules and principles."

**Percy wants bipartisanship in American foreign policy**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP) — Charles H. Percy, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is asking President Ronald Reagan to give members of Congress — Democrats as well as Republicans — a bigger role in framing U.S. foreign policy.

"Those who now minimize the importance of bipartisanship in foreign policy overlook the nature of the U.S. system of government," the Illinois Republican said.

In an article in the current issue of *Foreign Policy* magazine, Percy noted that in 200 years of U.S. history, more than 100 treaties approved by the President have suffered rejection, withdrawal or failure to enter into force.

Former Presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter — two Republicans and a Democrat — all had setbacks on treaties dealing with nuclear weapons, he said.

"This consistent record of legislative

reputation of executive branch arms control treaties causes deep concern among West European allies and suspicion within the Soviet Union," Percy said.

Unlike most other countries, the United States can only ratify a treaty if two-thirds of the Senate approves. Often the president and the majority in the Senate belong to different parties. Both are now Republican, but as usual the Senate majority is much less than two thirds.

Percy pointed out that Congress — the House of Representatives as well as the Senate — has other important powers over foreign policy.

The president must also inform Congress of all executive agreements with other countries. Some members advocate a congressional veto over them, but Percy said such a veto would "seriously cripple the day-to-day conduct of U.S. foreign affairs."

**Rallis loses Greek party leadership**

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 7 (AP) — Former Premier George Rallis, whose New Democracy Party was swept out of power by the Socialists in October elections, was ousted Monday as party leader.

In a vote of the Conservative Party's parliamentary group, 61 deputies voted against the 62-year-old Rallis, 41 voted in his favor, eight cast blank ballots and two ballots were declared invalid, party officials said.

The parliamentary group will meet again next week to choose a new party leader. It was announced, Rallis took over as premier in May 1980 when Constantine Karamanlis became head of state.

But the party, which had ruled Greece since the restoration of democracy in 1974, following a seven-year military dictatorship, was trounced in the elections by the Socialist Party of Andreas Papandreu.

Papandreu's Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) got 48 percent of the popular vote, winning 172 of the 300 parliamentary seats, while New Democracy won 41.8 percent of the vote and 115 seats.

Following the election defeat, a rift which had been smoothed over in preceding months opened up between the moderate Rallis and Evangelos Averoff Tosiatsis of the party's right wing.

**Seychelles' laws bar U.S. vessels**

VICTORIA, Seychelles, Dec. 7 (R) — American warships have been effectively barred from this strategic Indian Ocean archipelago because the Pentagon refuses to disclose whether they are nuclear-powered or armed, according to Seychelles Foreign Minister Jacques Hudoul.

He said in an interview that the Socialist government of President Albert Rene had made it obligatory for foreign governments to declare whether naval vessels planning to anchor are propelled by nuclear power or carried nuclear arms.

The requirement was introduced in 1978, a year after Rene came to power in a coup which ousted the Seychelles' first president, James Mancham. Twelve days ago a group of white mercenaries made an abortive attempt to reinstate Mancham.

We gave all foreign military powers that have a major military presence in the Indian Ocean the right to make six requests (per year) for naval visits," Hudoul said.

"We also made it a condition that the requesting power must tell us how the vessel is powered and whether...it carries nuclear weapons or not. The Americans told us that for them this is a military secret and they can't reveal such information."

He added: "We told them we have a population of only about 62,000, the archipelago is of strategic importance because it sits astride major shipping and oil lanes in the Indian Ocean, an area of intense superpower rivalry."

Western diplomats said no U.S. naval vessel had called in the Seychelles since the regulations were introduced, while the Soviet Union took advantage of its annual quota of visits.

The diplomats said that the U.S. Defense Department had taken a decision in principle not to disclose whether American warships carried nuclear arms — despite the fact that such information is listed in several publicly available military reference books.

Hudoul said that before the present government came to power about 30 French warships and slightly fewer American naval vessels had called at the port of Victoria every year. "We consider that this was condoning, in an indirect way, a foreign military presence (in the Indian Ocean). So we had two choices — either to ban all visits completely or to gradually reduce them to a minimum. We adopted the second possibility."

**Flood toll rises to 37 in Thailand**

BANGKOK, Thailand, Dec. 7 (AP) — The death toll from a severe storm and flash floods in southern Thailand reached 37 Monday as public welfare officials were still helping flood-stricken people in remote areas, an Interior Ministry spokesman said.

Flood waters began subsiding in some areas as skies cleared, but many provincial railway lines and roads were still impassable, he said.

A local newspaper quoted Deputy Interior Minister Banyat Bantadnan, who inspected the situation personally, as estimating damage at over \$4.3 million.

There was still no word on six crewmen lost from the capsized 2,000-ton freighter *Thida Okara*, en route to Singapore from Bangkok when the torrential monsoon struck the Gulf of Thailand.

There were also fears about the fate of possibly hundreds of Vietnamese boat people crossing the Gulf of Thailand from southern Vietnam.

**BRIEFS**

LUSAKA, Zambia, (AP) — Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda has been admitted to a Lusaka hospital for a medical checkup, his second in four months, a state house spokesman said Monday. The spokesman said Kaunda, 56, was expected to be discharged soon from hospital. Prime Minister Namumbo Munda took his place.

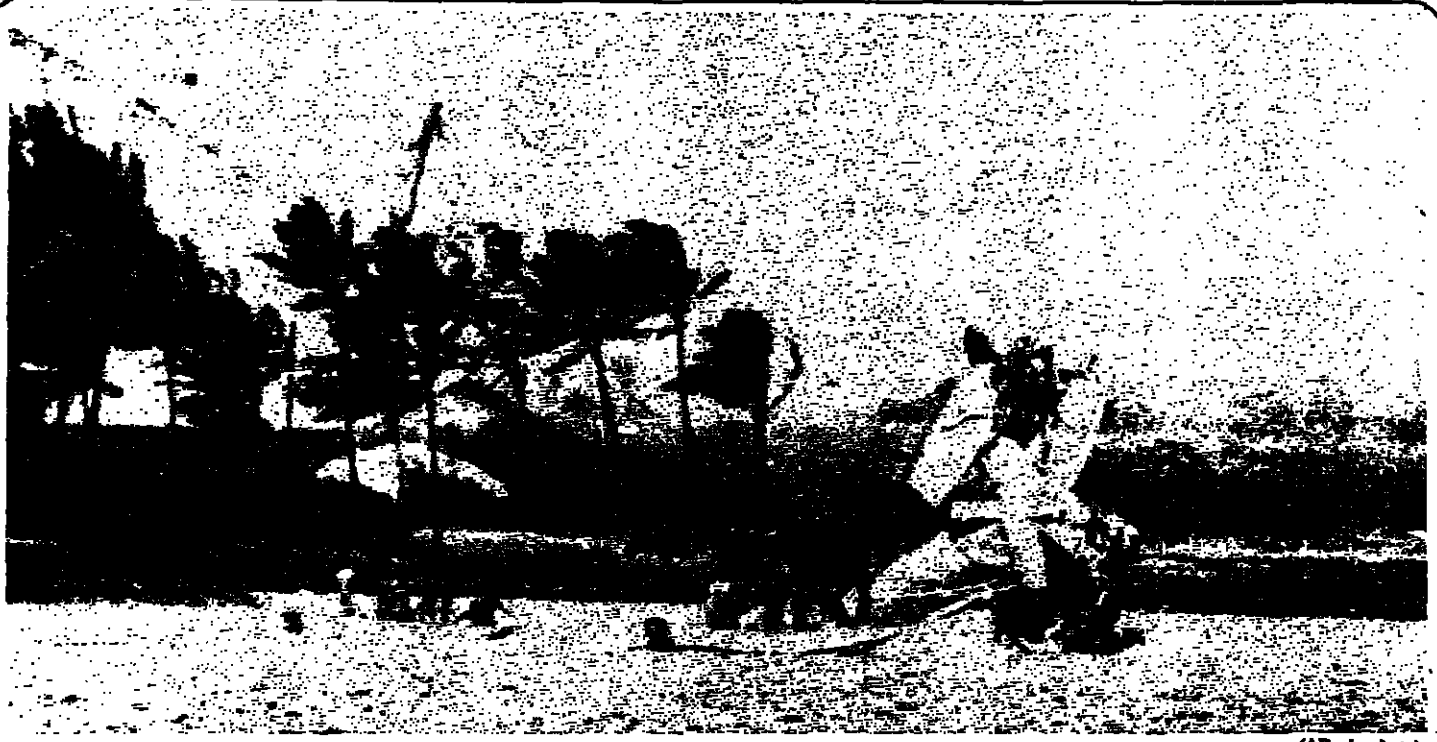
KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Indian President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy arrived Monday on a three-day visit to Nepal — his first to this Himalayan kingdom. Reddy concluded an official four-day visit to Indonesia Monday. His visit was to return the tour of India by President Suharto in December last year.

JOHANNESBURG, (R) — A 32-year-old woman teller who embezzled 2.1 million rand (\$2.2 million) from the bank where she worked was jailed Monday for 10 years. Mrs. Elizabeth van Wyk, a mother of two, pleaded guilty to five counts of fraud. The court was told she had systematically embezzled money over a five-year period to gamble on horse racing and went undetected by three major audits of the bank's accounts before being

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, Philippines (AP) — Over 40 persons were hospitalized in serious condition suffering from apparent food poisoning after eating river crab, locally called "jalangka", they found on the banks of a river the morning after a flood, officials said Monday. They added 48 other persons were being treated at their homes. They feared many more persons may have been stricken.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Ezekias Papaioannu, secretary-general of the Progressive Party of the working people of Cyprus arrived here Monday for a visit at an invitation of the Yugoslav Communist Party. Andrej Marinc, member of the presidium of the Central committee welcomed Papaioannu at the Surcin Airport.

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Dominican President Antonio Guzman was admitted to the San Isidro Military Base Hospital following an accident onboard the boat *Mella* on the Dominican Navy, a spokesman at the National Palace said Sunday.



DEATH FLIGHT: A cable from a large floating shipyard crane is used to hoist the wreckage of a twin-engine plane out of shallow water in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where it crashed Saturday night. Eleven members of a precision skydiving team died, one survived by parachuting from the plane, and one is still missing. The parachuting team was to have made a precision jump onto a football field where two American teams were playing, but the plane began acting "crazy" before it plunged into the water.

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## Regan hints at more tax reductions

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (R) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan has said the Reagan administration might propose more tax cuts in the 1983 and 1984 federal budgets.

Speaking Sunday in a television interview, he said: "Looking ahead to the budget for eighty-three and four, we may well decide to have some tax cuts there, provided that they don't interfere with the tax cuts that we've already put in place."

Asked if he favored eliminating the personal income tax on stock dividends, Regan said: "Well, I, eventually, I think that is one thing that we should have," adding: "I think a complete elimination of the marriage penalty tax is another that we should put in place."

He said he thought President Reagan's tax program passed this year would have the desired effect of producing a vibrant economy and he was opposed to altering it.

With the recession deepening, the disenchantment over Reagan's policies is growing even among the Republicans. Reagan, however, is undeterred and vows to pursue his policies, which he maintains will begin to pay dividends by the middle of 1982 and accelerate America's economic recovery.

## Britons go for goats

LONDON, Dec. 7 (AP) — More Britons are keeping goats. There are at least 100,000 tethered around the countryside, the agriculture ministry reported Monday.

Issuing a leaflet on how to look after goats, the ministry said most are kept one to a household, as milk provider, living lawn-mower and family pet. A goat yields up to 250 gallons (946 liters) of milk a year.

Goat owners are forming cooperatives to supply an increasing demand from health food shops for milk, cheese and yoghurt. The milk can be drunk by people allergic to cows' milk, and it has been found beneficial to asthma and eczema sufferers, the ministry said.

## Peru oil output to go up by 20%

LIMA, Dec. 7 (R) — An executive of the U.S. Occidental Petroleum Company has said that Peru's crude oil production would increase by almost 20 percent next year.

Gerhard Jansen, manager of local operations, told a businessmen's meeting that output would rise from 210,000 to an estimated 250,000 barrels a day in 1982.



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### To boost exports

## U.S. moots loans in yens

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP) — The United States is considering a plan to make loans to foreign businessmen in Japanese yen as a way of encouraging the sale of American goods by buyers who prefer to deal in that currency.

If the administration of President Ronald Reagan approves the plan, it will mark the first time the United States has lent in any currency other than U.S. dollars, according to a Treasury Department spokesman.

The major reason prospective buyers of American goods like to deal in Japanese yen is that interest rates in Japan are much lower than they are in the United States and many other countries. That means it costs them less to repay the money.

The loans would be made by the U.S.

### Export-Import Bank

Stephen Hayes, a Treasury Department spokesman, said the plan to make the loans in Japanese yen is under review and a recommendation will probably be made early next year.

William Draper III, president of the Export-Import Bank, said recently in a little-noted speech: "We do not know whether such an opportunity will arise; but we want to be able to respond flexibly should a customer seek a yen loan to finance purchases from the United States."

Under the proposal being considered, the loan to the foreign purchase of the American goods would be in yen, with an interest rate corresponding to the low interest rates in Japan.

## Shanghai records production rise

HONG KONG, Dec. 7 (AFP) — Total industrial output value in Shanghai, China's largest city, rose 7.8 percent in November over the same month of 1980, New China News Agency (NCNA) reported Sunday.

NCNA said the output value of textile and light industries and handicrafts all hit a monthly all-time high. Production of heavy industry also increased, and consumer goods production continued to rise.

## Oil find triggers Thai hopes of bright future

### Dependent on imports

BANGKOK, Dec. 7 (R) — Thailand, already starting to exploit big reserves of natural gas, has now struck oil and the government is predicting that petroleum riches will support a new era of prosperity.

Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda personally announced the oil strike, made in north central Thailand last month by a subsidiary of the Royal Dutch/Shell group.

He called it a contribution to a glowing future for the Thai economy, although Western oil industry sources are cautious about just how much oil waits to be tapped.

The Thai Shell Exploration and Production Company said the well produces between 1,200 and 4,600 barrels daily. Oil market analysts say that looks good but note that it will require \$44 million worth of tests next year to determine exact crude reserves. The discovery of a commercially viable inland oil field, following earlier offshore gas finds, would boost an Asian economy which is among those hardest hit by rising world oil prices.

Foreign oil accounts for 85 percent of Thai energy needs, and the oil bill is expected to account for 30 percent of total imports this year. Domestic oil would be a bonus on top of the gas finds in the Gulf of Thailand although development of these has proved slow following a first strike in 1976 by Union Oil of California.

Union Oil and another U.S. firm, Dallas-

based Texas Pacific, have since struck potential gas reserves of 16,500 billion cubic feet, (465 billion cubic meters) a substantial volume by world standards.

Gas flowed for the first time two months ago, through a \$400 million pipeline network, one of the world's biggest, and is used to fire two power plants near Bangkok which previously burnt oil.

Seven firms, another Shell subsidiary and six U.S. companies, hold concessions to explore offshore areas and five others have rights on land. But three U.S. companies have suspended their operations in the Gulf in recent years because of legal uncertainties over their concessions.

Triton Oil of the United States has refrained since 1975 from drilling in a concession overlapping Thai and Malaysian waters until the two countries define a joint development area. Amoco and Sun Oil, both U.S. companies, meanwhile await talks between Thailand and Kampuchea over exploration rights in mutual waters — Bangkok and the Vietnamese-backed government in Phnom Penh have no diplomatic relations.

But after four years, Thailand has now completed a \$400-million network of undersea and ground pipelines to bring gas ashore to burn instead of oil for electricity generation.

Union Oil and a Japanese minority co-concession holder now supply between 100 and 150 million cubic feet (2.8 and 4.2 million cubic meters) a day to the two converted power plants through a contract with the Petroleum Authority of Thailand.

The volume is due to rise next year or in 1983 to levels that will displace oil worth \$348 million a year, or 13 percent of the total Thai import bill.

Union oil has, however, reached an agreement with the government on a well-head gas price for only one of its fields. Texas Pacific, which joined petroleum search in the Gulf in 1977 after taking over a concession from its previous holder Tenneco, has yet to benefit from any of its gas finds.

It has invested \$125 million in test drillings, but differences on gas prices between it and the government have so far stalled an agreement that would have brought Texas Pacific gas into production.

The U.S. firm, seeking ways to exploit the gas, earlier this year embarked on a joint venture with a Thai business group to export it in liquefied form.

It is estimated that the scheme would cost the partners about \$3.7 billion, to pay for a liquefaction plant and shipping facilities, but it has not got off the ground.

The government is unsure how much surplus gas Texas Pacific could export after it meets as yet uncertain future home demand. In turn, three interested Japanese buyers — Missho Iwai, Mitsui, and C. Itoh — decline to sign long-term purchase agreements pending guarantees of the volume on offer.

Aside from using gas to substitute for fuel oil, Thailand wants to use it to produce basic chemical raw materials such as ethylene. It has called for international bids to complete a \$319 million processing plant by the end of 1984 as a base for a string of industries on the eastern Thai seaboard.

Thailand has also ordered technical studies of projects to include a soda ash plant, and fertilizer, sponge iron and integrated steel mills, which would use gas as fuel. The Asian Development Bank, Australia and Japan have also pledged support for planning support projects, including water supply and road and rail links.

## Americans 'biting the forests off'

ROME, Dec. 7 (AFP) — Every time an American sinks his teeth into a hamburger, he takes a bite out of a central American tropical forest, an ecology expert said here Monday.

Milan ecology lecturer Robert Marchetti told the Communist daily *L'Unita* that the American hamburger market and fast foods generally were a \$5 billion annual business.

The beef came from central American cattle whose increased grazing needs meant that vast tracts of forest land were disappearing, Prof. Marchetti said.

Between 1961 and 1978 beef output in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama had more than doubled. But forest land had almost halved.

The ranchers' cartel, owning three quarters of pastureland and two thirds of the cattle in the region, were putting nothing back into the grazing land.

The result was that cattle needed far more land than they did early this century.

Prof. Marchetti said the per capita yearly meat consumption in the U.S. was 56 kilos against Panama 26 kilos, Nicaragua 15, Costa Rica 12, Guatemala 10, El Salvador 6 and Honduras 5 kilos.

## U.S. Steel gains edge over Mobil

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania, Dec. 7 (R) — U.S. Steel Corporation has announced that its offer for 30 million shares of Marathon Oil Company was oversubscribed, apparently making it the leader in a takeover fight with Mobil Corporation.

But federal judges in Ohio have temporarily barred both Mobil and U.S. Steel from buying shares in reserve-rich Marathon, the 17th largest oil firm in the United States.

A U.S. Steel spokesman said the company's offer of \$125 a share for just over half of Marathon was "substantially oversubscribed," though Bankers Trust Company, U.S. steel's depository bank, could not issue an exact figure until a tabulation was completed.

Mobil originally bid \$85 a share for 67 percent of Marathon, but altered its offer to \$126 for 51 percent after U.S. steel and

Marathon agreed on U.S. Steel's offer. A Mobil spokesman said last week his company, which lost another battle earlier this year to acquire the Conoco Oil Company, would shortly make a second offer for Marathon in partnership with an unidentified oil company.

A Mobil representative said U.S. Steel's announcement Sunday was insignificant because potential sellers of Marathon stock could withdraw their tendered shares if a better offer was made. "They are trying to create momentum," the Mobil representative said.

U.S. Steel's cash offer expired Friday. Marathon shareholders wanting to sell after then would have to settle for U.S. Steel notes with an estimated market value of \$86 per share, making the total value of U.S. Steel's offer \$6.3 billion. Mobil's total offer is worth \$6.5 billion.

## India said buying Australian wheat

NEW DELHI, Dec. 7 (AP) — A high-level Indian agricultural team has returned from Australia after successfully negotiating a one million metric ton wheat purchase, the *Indian Express* newspaper said in a front-page report Sunday.

After nearly four years of self-sufficiency, India returned to the international grain market last July when it purchased 1.51 million metric tons of wheat from the United States for \$293 million.

The *Express*, India's largest newspaper chain, said the team headed by additional Food Secretary B.S. Raghavan toured the United States before deciding to buy Australian wheat because of its lower price and "government-to-government purchase." It did not, however, give the comparative

prices of American and Australian wheat or say how much the deal with Australia was worth.

An Indian agricultural ministry spokesman refused to comment on the *Express* report, saying, "I know nothing about the deal."

The July purchase of American wheat was handled with considerable secrecy because of price and domestic political implications. The *Express* reported that the team's visit to Australia was also kept secret.

The decision to import more wheat was intended to build reserves and check hoarding and blackmarketing by traders, the independent newspaper said, adding that government's wheat procurement from domestic farmers had been lagging this year.

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# China unfolds tax, contract law

PEKING, Dec. 7 (AP) — Foreign businesses in China will be taxed at 20-40 percent, but will be able to credit Chinese taxes against their tax liability at home, China's parliament was told Monday.

A draft of China's new tax and foreign contracts law was submitted to the National People's Congress and corresponds to foreign and international tax practices, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

The new laws represent China's efforts to cope with increasing economic relations with foreign countries. Many foreign businesses have been reluctant to do business in China until detailed laws were promulgated.

Foreign oil companies especially feared that Chinese tax laws might not accord with international practice and worried that they might suffer double taxation in China and at home.

The income tax will be levied on income derived from production, business and other sources at progressive rate ranging from 20-40 percent. The liability will be the income in a tax year after deduction of costs, expenses and losses. The law has five categories of tax rates:

Twenty percent for an annual income of 250,000 yuan (\$167,000) or less. Twenty-five percent for income between 250,000

yuan and 500,000 yuan (\$333,000). Thirty percent for income between 500,000 yuan and 750,000 yuan (\$500,000). Thirty-five percent for income between 750,000 yuan and 1 million yuan (\$670,000). Forty percent for income more than 1 million yuan.

A local surtax of 10 percent will be levied on taxable income.

China reported that big oil companies with an annual income of more than 10 million yuan (\$6.7 million) could pay as much as 48.75 percent in taxes. The tax burden would range from 20-32.5 percent, it said, for foreign enterprises engaged in joint operations in Guangdong, Fujian and other provinces. Most of those have an annual income of less than 500,000 yuan (\$333,000).

An income tax of 20 percent will be levied on foreign businesses that have no branches in China but derive income from dividends, interest, lease of property, royalty and other sources in China.

The new tax law applies to all foreign enterprises, including oil firms, regardless of nationalities and trades, the report said. "Thus a foreign enterprise may credit the tax it pays in China against the tax to be paid to its own government," Xinhua said. "The law will furnish a legal basis for agreements to be signed between the Chinese and other gov-

ernments to avoid double taxation," it added.

Foreign tax experts, however, will have to examine the law to determine whether Chinese taxes may be applied against other tax liabilities. The draft law covers foreign corporations, enterprises and other economic organizations that have branches operating independently in China or in cooperation with Chinese enterprises.

Several hundred foreign enterprises now have branches and business operations in China and many firms will take part in China's offshore oil exploration and development, Xinhua said.

Foreign loans given to China at a preferential rate will be tax free, the law says. The tax on foreign enterprises will be computed in renminbi, local currency. Income in foreign currency will be assessed according to the exchange rate and taxed in renminbi.

Tax exemptions may be granted to foreign enterprises engaged in low profit operations such as farming, forestry and stock raising for 10 years or more.

The draft law on economic contracts says disputes should be solved promptly through consultation. If consultation fails, either party may request mediation or arbitration by the authorities concerned, or file suit in the Chinese people's court.

# U.K. plans to slash foreign aid

LONDON, Dec. 7 (R) — The British government will shortly announce cuts in its overseas aid program, a spokesman for the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) has said.

Since coming to power in 1979 the Conservative government has already announced a 15 percent cut in its 1981-83 aid program and the forthcoming cuts will reduce the program still further, the spokesman said.

Britain is spending 972 million sterling (\$1.9 billion) on foreign aid for 1981/82. It was already planned that aid quantum would fall in real terms and aid sources said the government was now looking for a further cut of two percent.

The sources said that in real terms the 1982/83 figure would probably be similar to that for the current year. Official British aid as percentage of gross national product, has been falling in recent years. In 1979, it amounted to 0.52 percent, and last year was 0.34 percent. The 1981 figure is expected to be similar to last year's.

The Conservative government has been widely criticized for cutting back on aid, but officials argue that spending cuts have been in even more important areas, such as housing.

## London stock market

LONDON, Dec. 7 (R) — Equities closed firmer amid light buying demand, but U.K. government bonds were lower, dealers said. At 1500 hours, the Financial Times index was up 7.1 to 536.4.

Industrial leaders closed with gains of up to 6p as Hawker Siddeley, Guest Keen and ICI, although some issues were easing off day's highs in late trading. Government bonds fell up to 1/2 point at the long end, depressed by the lower U.S. bonds opening and the 0.6 percent rise in U.K. November wholesale prices, dealers said. Gold shares shed up to 100 cents, while north Americans were mixed.

Electricals closed firmer, although below earlier highs. Ferranti was up 12p to 595p after 600p, while GEC added a net 2p from a high 799p. Oils had Shell up 6p at 408p and banks gained up to 7p.

Euroferries rose 6p to 79p amid bid rumors. Trafalgar house added 1 1/2p to 100p with final results now expected Tuesday, dealers noted. Sotheby's dipped 20p to 423p amid adverse press comment ahead of Thursday's final. Bass gained 4p at 412p ahead of final due Tuesday.

## London commodities

Closing Prices Monday

Gold (\$ per ounce)	417.00
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3 months	348.50
Zinc cash	416.00
3 months	436.00
Aluminium cash	585.00
3 months	606.00
Nickel cash	2895.00
3 months	2895.00
Sugar January	165.00
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Coffee January	1085.00
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Cocoa December	1147.00
March	1141.00

Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton.

The above prices are provided by Saudi Research & Investment Ltd., P.O. Box 6474, Tel: 6623908, Jeddah.

# Disillusioned Poles seek Swedish pastures

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7 (R) — Between 30,000 and 50,000 Poles came to Sweden as tourists this spring and summer and around 7,000 of them have stayed behind.

It is hard to be precise about the figures, American consular officials here said, because only some Poles applied for political asylum, others simply went underground.

These illegal immigrants are now living rough in Sweden's forests, selling firewood and wild berries to feed themselves and hoping eventually for permits to stay in the West, the officials said.

Swedish immigration authorities confirmed the picture, and added that many other illegal immigrants were doing undeclared laboring and domestic jobs with accommodation on farms, particularly around the Swedish Baltic port of Ystad, where a ferry arrives regularly from Poland.

The main immigration office in the eastern town of Norrkoeping reported a 40 percent increase in immigration and asylum applications from Poles, making a total of some 700 between July and September this year.

The Swedish aliens police recently arrested and deported a handful of illegal Polish immigrants found on farms. Sweden adheres to the 1951 Geneva convention on the status of refugees and grants asylum to people whose lives or freedom would be threatened on racial, religious or political grounds if they returned home.

"But very few of the Poles here now qualify for either asylum or immigration," said one official at Norrkoeping.

"They have not been politically persecuted, they are not stateless, they are simply poor and disillusioned and most will have to

go home," she said.

The American officials said the United States could not easily give refugee to Poles turned down for asylum in Sweden. America could only accept Poles as immigrants if they had close relatives in the United States, the officials added.

"If countries were to grant asylum to people fleeing from economic hardship, the flood-gates would be open," an American diplomatic source said.

"One has to see the Polish economic crisis in perspective. There are thousands of Indians in Calcutta who would consider it luxury to live in Warsaw.

"What Poland really needs is more economic aid from the West, not to see its young and most productive citizens leaving the country." But for the would-be immigrants, who exchanged homes in Poland for tents and halyotis in a foreign land, staying in the West is the only consideration.

Asylum applicants receive state welfare benefits while their cases are considered, while those who fear they have no case for claiming political asylum lie low and wait.

"To put it cynically, they are waiting for the Soviet Union to intervene in Poland. In that case, Sweden would have to take them," the diplomatic source said.

Others are advertising in the press for Swedish marriage partners. But a marriage of convenience would not guarantee a Pole the right to live in Sweden, immigration officials said.

## U.S. stock market

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP) — The stock market was mixed Monday morning, pausing after its rally late last week.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 0.38 to 893.07 in the first half hour. But losers took a narrow lead over gainers in the early rally of New York stock exchange-listed issues.

The sharp drop of interest rates this fall has given the market a big boost, pushing the Dow Jones industrial average up to its highest level since late summer. But some traders' enthusiasm over that development has been muted by the spread of the recession through the U.S. economy.

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Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arr. Date.
5.	Nawaf	Najd	Gen/Contrs.	4.12.81
6.	Penny 'S'	El Hawi	Contrs/Steel/Gen.	5.12.81
8.	Roumania	Alpha	Rice/Gen/Contrs.	5.12.81
10.	Anemos	M.T.A.	Containers	5.12.81
15.	Mona	Sadaka	Durra	1.12.81
18.	Ionian Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	3.12.81
19.	Okeanis	Alsaabah	Bulk Cement	29.11.81
21.	Uniceb	O.C.E.	Cement/Steel/Contrs.	21.12.81
23.	Boogabilla	Barber	General Contrs/General Loading MTs.	5.12.81
26.	Orlik	Attar	Bagged Sugar	4.12.81
27.	Reefer Queen	Attar	Reefer/General	27.11.81
28.	Hilco Sprinter	Star	Reefer	25.11.81
29.	Balmoral Universal	O.C.E.	Frozen Chicken	5.12.81
35.	Nedlloyd Rochester	Alatas	Contrs./Ro/Ro/Flats	6.12.81
36.	Moreton Bay	Samsco	Loading MT Contrs.	5.12.81
38.	Alkaid	Sadaka	Durra	3.12.81
39.	Nitya Nanak	Gulf	Steel Pipes/Soya Bean/Gen.	28.11.81

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1.	Nedlloyd Rochester	Alatas	Contrs./Ro/Ro/Flats	6.12.81
2.	Nawaf	Najd	Gen/Contrs.	5.12.81
3.	Ibn Tufail	Kanoo	Containers/Gen.	"
4.	Plantion 'H'	Algozeibi	Containers	"
5.	Doma 'T'	O.C.E.	Cheese	"
6.	Penny 'S'	El Hawi	Contrs/Steel/Gen.	"
7.	Moreton Bay	Samsco	Ldg. MT Contrs.	"
8.	Anemos	M.T.A.	Containers	"
9.	Boogabilla	Barber	Contrs/Gen/Ldg. MTs	"
10.	Roumania	Alpha	Rice/Gen/Contrs.	"

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SHIP MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 10.2.1402/6.12.1981 CHANGES OF THE PAST 24 HOURS

1.	Hwa Song	Seite	Maize	28.11.81
2.	Sea Zephyr	UEP	Steel	3.12.81
3.	Astral	Gulf	General	4.12.81
4.	Vielakahi	Orri	General	6.12.81
5.	Petra	Alireza	Steel Pipes	4.12.81
6.	Nofeli	Gosaibi	Timber	6.12.81
7.	Tubul (D.B.)	Alsaabah	Bulk Cement	29.11.81
8.	Ocean Rose (D.B.)	AET	Bulk Cement	3.12.81
9.	New Century (D.B.)	Globe	Bulk Cement	28.11.81

# Dollar rates remain stable

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 7 — The American currency remained firm on the European exchanges, Monday. The dollar was buttressed by a steady Eurodollar deposit rates, which rose by between 1/8 to 3/16 percent, in most tenors.

By the end of the trading session, however, the dollar fell against a few European currencies after profit-taking by dealers who were nervously awaiting the outcome of New York's trading activities the same night. Gold fell back by between \$8 and \$10 an ounce, to trade at \$417 Monday.

On the local markets, rial rates firmed in the short dates — the first such rises to be registered during the past two weeks when rial rates have consistently come down. The local exchanges were also reported to have been more active with spot rial/dollar rates rising to 3.4205 — 10 levels.

Europe, however, was the center of attention Monday as dealers watched the dollar hold onto its weekend gains. With Eurodollar interest rates firming in almost all tenors taking one-month rates to 12 1/2 — 12 3/4 percent at one stage, and the one-year rate to 13 3/16 — 13 5/16 percent. There were some minor falls later on in the day, but the general market mood was the U.S. money markets would also see U.S. dollar interest rates at these European levels. Others warned, however, that further U.S. interest rate falls could be around the corner since it is by no means certain that the worst has yet been seen as far as the U.S. economic depression is concerned.

Whatever the market's long-term expectations are however, for the moment the dollar was strong on the exchange markets. The German mark was steady but slightly

down on Friday's closing levels, to trade at 2.2292 levels Monday. At one point, it reached 2.2330 before Bundesbank support pushed the dollar down. The Swiss franc, fearful not to see the Swiss/mark crossrate widen further in favor of the Swiss currency, also fell back to trade at 1.7890 levels. As for the Japanese yen, that currency remained unsteady at 216.30 levels after its buoyant move last week. The British pound was also steadier at 1.9430 levels, but it veered up and down for most of the day in London.

In the local exchange markets, the spot rial/dollar rate reflected the renewed cautious optimism for the dollar. Spot rial/dollar rates opened at 3.4190-00, but by midday had reached 3.4200-10 and some bids were seen at 3.4207 levels. The rial money markets experienced more activity Monday too, with short-term rial deposit rates going up by between 2-3 percent, in some instances. The week-fixed which had been quoted at 4-5 percent for the past few days, was quoted at 6-7 percent Monday, while overnight funds were quoted at 6 percent in Jeddah compared with 2 percent last Thursday. Dealers pointed out that there was still plenty of rial liquidity in the market and the jump in these very short-dated funds merely represented some last minute covering by local banks. In the long tenors, the year-fixed deposit rate was quoted at 11 1/2 — 12 1/4 while the one-month was quoted at 6 1/2 — 7 1/4, up over Sunday's 5 1/2 — 6 percent.

London Dec. 7 (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce)

London	416.75
Paris	422.00
Frankfurt	419.01
Zurich	417.50
Hong Kong	428.84

# Iran-Japan plant hanging fire

BEIRUT, Dec. 7 (AP) — Iran's Energy Minister Hassan Ghafouri-Fard said Monday the continuation of the three-billion-dollar Iran-Japan petrochemical project was not feasible because its "costs vastly exceed the limit set forth in the agreement," the official Pars news agency reported.

Ghafouri-Fard, who recently returned from the complex in Bandar Khomeini in southern Iran, said 80 to 90 percent of the project had been completed.

He said discussions between the two countries would resume next week to determine whether Iran would go ahead with the project.

"But under the present terms, Iran cannot continue the work and it has to be decided whether Iran is going to complete the project with Japan or with some other partners," Pars reported.

Japan and Iran have failed to reach an accord whether to resume construction of the costly, long-troubled venture. The construction has been suspended since the triumph of the 1979 revolution which toppled the Iranian monarchy. The complex was bombed five times during the Iran-Iraq fighting which started on Sept. 22, 1980. The last bombing of the site was reported Oct. 19.

Pars reported Monday that a team of Japanese experts arrived in the Iranian capital of Tehran Sunday to conduct the negotiations. Quoting an oil ministry announcement, Pars said the team will hold talks with Mostafa Taheri Najafabadi, the oil ministry undersecretary in petrochemical complex, and other Iranian officials of the Iran petrochemical company.

Taheri visited Japan last month to discuss the future of the project. Toshikuni Yaburo, president of Mitsui and Co., Japan's main

investor in the project, told him that it was impossible to resume construction following an increase in the interest burden after a 1-2 years suspension of the construction. Taheri was also told that construction costs have gone up.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Monday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	9.00	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	14.95
Canadian Dollar	—	—	290.50
Deutsche Mark (100)	153.75	153.35	—
Dutch Guilder (100)	140.30	140.20	—
Egyptian Pound	—	3.62	4.06
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	93.00	93.15
French Franc (100)	—	61.00	60.80
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	56.00	60.90
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	37.40
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	28.90	28.70	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	15.25	—
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.18	10.14
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.21	12.21
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	74.35	74.20
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	60.50	64.80
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.68
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	42.50
Pound Sterling	—	6.67	6.65
Qatari Rial (100)	—	94.00	94.05
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	167.15
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	34.50	35.75
Swiss Franc (100)	—	191.30	191.10
Syrian Lira (1,000)	—	58.40	63.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	—	3,420	3,420
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	75.00	74.90

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# Kuwait grabs spot in World Cup finals

KUWAIT, Dec. 7 (R) — Kuwait became the 23rd nation to earn a place in the 1982 World Soccer Cup finals in Spain when they beat Saudi Arabia 2-0 in an Asia-Oceania Zone qualifying match Monday.

A goal in each half by Faisal al-Dakheel gave Kuwait their victory and a spot in the World Cup finals for the first time. The last remaining qualifying place will go to one of two other teams in the four-nation Asia-Oceania Group — China, who have seven points after completing their program, or New Zealand, with four points and two games in hand.

New Zealand's two matches later this month, both away from home, are against Kuwait, who head the Group with eight points, and Saudi Arabia, whose sole point came from a draw with the New Zealanders in Auckland.

Meanwhile, three of soccer's great names, Franz Beckenbauer, Spain's Real Madrid and Feyenoord of the Netherlands, provide the glamor in Wednesday's eight European Football Union (UEFA) third round second leg Cup ties.

The UEFA Cup tends to be overshadowed by the more glamorous champions' and Cup-Winners' Cup competitions but with the big two events in recess until the quarterfinals in the new year, Beckenbauer and company have the stage to themselves.

Beckenbauer, twice European footballer of the year, captain of West Germany's 1974 World Cup winning team and winner of three Champions' Cup medals with Bayern Munich, will be in action for Hamburg against Scottish guests Aberdeen.

Aberdeen, first round conquerors of 1981 winners Ipswich of England, are likely to pay the penalty for two eccentric defensive blunders in the first leg which they won 3-2.

Hamburg need only win 1-0 to advance and with striker Horst Hrubesch, who scored

twice in Scotland, back at his best they should qualify with ease.

Real, European Cup winners on a record six occasions and World champions in 1960, are not the force of old but they should dispose of Rapid Vienna in Madrid having won 1-0 in Austria-Bur Feyenoord, European and world champions in 1970, face defeat at the hands of Yugoslav visitors Radnicki Nis who take a two-goal advantage to the Netherlands.

Another Yugoslav outfit, Hajduk Split, have been sitting uneasily in the departure lounge of the UEFA Cup for the past two weeks after the 5-1 thrashing they suffered against Valencia in Spain. Their exit looks imminent.

Switzerland could provide the night's most unexpected success story. Little-known Neuchatel Xamax, competing in Europe for the first time, stunned Portuguese league leaders Sporting by drawing 0-0 in Lisbon in the first-leg. Portuguese teams are never the best of travellers and Neuchatel should crown their debut by grabbing a place in the last eight.

# Cruyff corners limelight in Ajax's facile victory

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, Dec. 7 (Agencies) — Dutch football hero Johan Cruyff was in top form for his comeback match for his first club, Ajax Amsterdam.

The 34-year-old maestro celebrated his return to Dutch First Division Soccer after an eight-year absence Sunday by scoring Ajax's first goal and inspiring his side to a 4-1 victory over FC Haarlem.

Cruyff, who signed for Ajax after a free transfer from North American League side Washington Diplomats said: "I had to prove myself but I played for the team and the crowd. Scoring the first goal on my return home was a dream start."

The presence of the elegant Cruyff in his famous number 14 shirt had its desired effect on Ajax's dwindling home gates. A capacity crowd of 25,000 turned up, about 15,000 more than usual. As the final whistle blew supporters gave him a standing ovation, shouting "Cruyffe, Cruyffe".

Cruyff himself, born a hundred yards from the Ajax Stadium, and who played 52 times for his country said afterwards that the match had gone better than he could have hoped.

On a day when not many First Division matches could be played in the Netherlands League because of waterlogged pitches, Feyenoord dropped a surprise point when they were held to a 2-2 home draw against Atricht. But AZ 67 Alkmaar traveled away to hammer FC The Hague 4-1.

Elsewhere in Europe, with the French footballers having the day off after their successful work in the World Cup qualifying matches, there were no changes in the positions in the Spanish First Division League.

Barcelona held on to a slender one point lead in the League with a 2-1 victory over Osasuna with Real Sociedad placed second with 21 points. Real Sociedad routed Valencia 4-1. Real Madrid held on to third place with a solitary goal win over Sporting.

# Peter Blake leads 2nd leg on handicap

AUCKLAND, Dec. 7 (AFP) — American boat *Alaska Eagle*, skippered by Skip Novak, sailed in here Monday to take eleventh place on handicap on the second leg of the Whitebread Round-the-World Yachting race from Cape Town.

*Alaska Eagle's* arrival means that British boats *FCT Challenger* and *United Friendly* drop down to ninth and tenth places respectively.

It does nothing, however, to change the position at the top with New Zealand boat *Ceramco*, skippered by Peter Blake, leading the second leg on handicap and French yacht *Kriter IX*, skippered by Andre Viant leading over the first two legs.

Race organizers expect *Sava Venice* of Italy, *Berge Viking* and *Outward Bound* within the next 48 hours.

South African boat *Xargo III* arrived here later in the day to complete the 7,100 miles from Cape Town. *Xargo III*, skippered by Peter Kurltel, and built in Finland, is the 11th boat to reach Auckland, but on handicap is now lying seventh.

Eleven of the 23 yachts still in the fleet have now arrived in Auckland at the end of the second stage. It appears certain that the handicap of the second leg will be *Ceramco* of New Zealand — which arrived in Auckland only hours behind the Dutch yacht *Fyer*, which crossed the line first in both stages.

*Ceramco* was dismayed during the first leg between Portsmouth and Cape Town and the overall handicap lead is held by French yacht *Kriter 9* with another French entry *Charles Hiedteck III* in second place and *Fyer* third.

Those four yachts are now tied up in Auckland, along with *Euromarche* of France, *FC Challenger* of Britain, *United Friendly*, skippered by the famous Chay Blyth, the Swiss entry *Disque D'Or*, and another French sloop *Gauloises*.

The yacht at the tail of the field is thought to be an Italian entry, *Ligogonna*, which still has several days sailing ahead of it.

The fleet will leave Auckland on the third leg of the yachting Classic to Mar Del Plata on December 26.

# Lakers out Kings

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7 (AP) — Jamaal Wilkes scored 22 points, including the 10,000th of his career, to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a 119-106 victory over the Kansas City Kings in Sunday's only scheduled National Basketball Association game.



MIDNIGHT PADDLERS: Competitors in Alaska's most unusual water race paddle over a frigid course on their home-made rafts. The crafts have no set size, and float on oil drums and inner tubes. The contest starts with a gun shot at midnight.

In Switzerland, Servette Geneva continued to set a searing pace at the top of the First Division and slammed highly-rated rivals Neuchatel Xamax 4-0 at home. Meanwhile in Belgium, a 2-1 victory over Beveren kept Anderlecht on top of the table and one point in clear of their rivals Kortrijk, Antwerp and Lierse, on 22.

Austria Vienna went to the head of the Austrian First Division League after a 2-1 home victory over third placed Strun Graz this weekend. Previous leaders Rapid Vienna were without a game because of the postponement of their fixture against Voest Linz.

In West Germany First division games, Bayern Munich hammered visiting Borussia Dortmund 4-0 after being up by 2-0 by half-time. SC Karlsruhe prevailed over MSV

Duisburg 2-1, while Werder Bremen beat Darmstadt 3-1.

Dynamo Berlin maintained their position at the top of the East German First Division League with a 5-1 win over Chemiese Halle. Second place FC Iena, however, struggled against lowly-placed Chemiese Kopau for their 1-0 victory.

Turkish First Division leaders Sakarya were held to a surprise goalless draw by Besiktas. However, they still head the table but the lead was cut to a point as Adanademirspor and Fenerbahce, crept closer to the leader with victories over Gaziantepspor and Altay respectively. Both have 17 points now.

In the Latin American Soccer, River Plate, Velez Sarsfield, Ferrocarri Oeste and Inde-

pendiente qualified for the semi-final playoff of the Argentina National Football Championship.

While Velez and Ferrocarri beat Boca Juniors and Gimnasiay Esgrima 3-1 and 1-0 respectively, River Plate and Independiente were held goalless by Rosario Central and Instituto (Cordoba), respectively. But River Plate and Independiente made the grade with 2-1 and 1-0 victories over their rivals in the first game.

Though third placed Wanderers defeated Defensor 3-0 in the Uruguay League and second placed Nacional were held goalless 1-1 by Liverpool, the position of leaders Penarol cannot be challenged. Penarol, that has Sunday's game against Danubio pending, needs only one point to grab the championship.

# European Soccer results

Dutch	Swiss	Spanish	Austrian	West German	East German	Turkish	Swiss	Belgian	French	Argentinian	Uruguayan
Feyenoord 1	FC Basel 1	Real Madrid 1	Austria Vienna 2	Werder Bremen 1	SC Karlsruhe 2	Sakarya 0	FC Basel 2	Anderlecht 2	Bayern Munich 4	Defensor 3	Liverpool 1
Ajax 4	FC Basel 1	Real Madrid 1	Austria Vienna 2	Werder Bremen 1	SC Karlsruhe 2	Sakarya 0	FC Basel 2	Anderlecht 2	Ajax 4	Defensor 3	Liverpool 1
The Hague 1	FC Basel 1	Real Madrid 1	Austria Vienna 2	Werder Bremen 1	SC Karlsruhe 2	Sakarya 0	FC Basel 2	Anderlecht 2	Ajax 4	Defensor 3	Liverpool 1
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Emerson Griffith, lined up for the League

# Men in black join big League

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Special) — Emerson Griffith and Arthur Buksh are rather special in the abrasive world of professional soccer. Although Lord Scarman may not be particularly surprised following the publication of his report last week, Griffith and Buksh, are the only two colored officials on the Football League list of 92 referees and 232 linesmen.

It is an astonishing statistic of a game now graced with the talents of so many colored footballers. Cyrille Regis of West Brom, Viv Anderson and Justin Fashanu (Nottingham Forest) Garry Thompson (Coventry), and Garth Crooks (Spurs) have gained international honors.

Griffith, 37, from Barbados and Buksh, 36, from Fiji — and co-incidentally, both post office workers in London — accept that, inevitably, they have run a gauntlet of abuse from the terraces that includes racist overtones. "Most of it is good-natured," says Griffith. "A little of it is malicious but I don't let it bother me."

"Don't forget every linesman, white or black, can expect to get the verbals from the crowd, particularly when he gives an off-side decision the wrong way."

Griffith's boyhood hero was fellow-Barbadian Sir Gary Sobers. "I would like to think I could do just a tiny amount of the good for my race as Garfield did," he said. "I knew him in Barbados when he was a good footballer. If he had taken up the game seriously he would have made a top class attacking midfielder player."

"The only prejudice I suspect I have suffered since my refereeing career began in 1970 was when I was passed over one year for promotion from the Spartan League to the Isthmian League. But I made it in the end and hope to take the next step with appointment as a Football League referee."

Buksh, who hopes soon to qualify to take over in the middle at Football League games, also says the only racial prejudice he really has to endure comes off the terraces. "The fans pay my money so they are entitled to shout I suppose," he said.

"I found it was worse when I was refereeing in the local league when an angry player would, in the heat of the moment, turn around and call you a black so and so..."



FIRST SNOW: Heavy snow coupled with thick fog at Val d'Isere, which forced the cancellation of two women's Downhill races in the World Cup Alpine Skiing meet Monday, descends on motorists.

# Spain to concentrate on attack in World Cup

MADRID, Dec. 7 (R) — Put simply, Spanish soccer artillery tends to fire on wet gunpowder.

That is why coach Jose Santamaria, one of the legendary names in the great Real Madrid side of the 1950's, wants his players to shake off their club habits and shoot for goal at every opportunity in the World Cup finals next year.

Cautious defensive play is likely to be the order of the day for most of the 24 finalists when the 1982 World Cup is held here. But the hosts should be in a position to play an attacking game on home territory and cheered on by patriotic crowds.

However, Santamaria, an intelligent, thoughtful man of Uruguayan origin, summed up the facts of soccer life after taking over about a year ago when he said: "Spain will be playing at home but in effect we will be counterattacking."

The famed Spanish fury of the past which brought them the European Championship in 1964 has faded. High-priced stars have decided the best way to save face is not to miss. And the best way to avoid missing is to

avoid shooting. Santamaria's task in the months ahead is to convince his more than capable strikers that winning a game usually involves some embarrassing misses en route.

The squad which will be striving to erase the memory of Spain's disappointing showing in Argentina in 1978 when they failed to get past the first round, will have a new look about it.

Luis Arconada, 27, is likely to add to his 35 international caps in the Spanish goal. Arconada, who plays for champions Real San Sociedad, is a no-frills player with ruler-like precision. The exciting Jose Camacho, 26, who normally plays leftback for Real Madrid will probably switch to the right flank to make room for Rafael Gordillo.

Camacho, capped 25 times, is one of Europe's most exciting players, powerful and dependable with a penchant for linking up with the attack to devastating effect. Gordillo is reckoned to be the fastest defender in Spain and his ability to cover for his defensive colleagues is invaluable. Barcelona's Jose Alesanco also combines his duties with a knack for scoring vital goals. He netted a

bullet header from a corner in Spain's recent 3-2 win over Poland.

The fourth defenseman will be either Jose Secand or Miguel Tendillo, the "Young Velasquez," who has played for Spain 16 times despite his tender 20 years. Real San Sociedad will provide the backbone of the midfield in Jesus Zamora, a player of true world class, and Miguel Alonso. Juanito, the rude, loud-mouthed and brilliant Real Madrid star will almost certainly be on the right wing.

In 1978, UEFA tried to suspend Juanito for two years for allegedly butting a referee in Switzerland. The player denied the charge and the proposed ban was subsequently dropped quietly. Referees and fans alike can expect to see and hear a lot from this 27-year-old who has been capped 30 times.

Juanito is likely to link up with his Madrid colleague Santillana, one of the game's outstanding headers of a ball. Barcelona star Quini, now recovered from his kidnapping ordeal of last season, has seen "little international action recently and at 32 his talents are likely to be used sparingly.

# Plucknett honored

RENO, Nevada, Dec. 7 (AP) — Champion discus thrower Ben Plucknett, barred for life earlier this year by track's world governing body, received an award Sunday for the year's world governing track performance.

Plucknett, 27, received the award at the National Convention of the Athletics Congress, the top U.S. Amateur Track and Field governing organization.

He twice bettered the world discus record this year with throws of 233 feet, 7 inches (71.20m) in Modesto, California, on May 16 and 237-4 (72.34m) on July 7 in Stockholm.

Neither mark has been recognized as a world record. The TAC records committee met Sunday to discuss whether or not his Modesto toss should be approved as a U.S. record. As yet, no application for approval of the Stockholm throw has been submitted to the panel.

Plucknett was barred in July from international amateur competition by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF).

Directors of the TAC rejected a motion Friday allowing Plucknett to compete in international meets.

While the U.S. group hasn't actually declared him ineligible, the TAC has in effect said they'll honor the IAAF decision barring Plucknett from international meets. The group did, however, approve a motion pledging support of Plucknett's reinstatement by the IAAF.

In other action Sunday, representatives of six cities expressed interest in being the host of the U.S. Olympic trials for 1984. Jim Tuppney, chairman of the Olympic trials site selection committee, said representatives of Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Indianapolis and Eugene, Oregon, all are interested in having the trials.

Tuppney, director of the Penn Relays and director of track for the University of Pennsylvania, also announced criteria and procedures for selecting future trial sites.

# Rose shatters world record

ANAHEIM, California, Dec. 7 (AP) — Englishman Nick Rose set a new world record over 10,000 meters Sunday by winning a race in Anaheim, California, in 27 minutes, 43.5 seconds.

Rose, an Olympian in 1980, was helped by a fast pace set by country man Mark Scruton, who finished second in 27:49.1. The old world record was 27:55 set last April by Michael Musyoki in New Orleans.

Meanwhile, Andy Norman, a leading figure in the Amateur Athletic Association and close friend of world record-holding runner Steve Ovett, Sunday was named England team manager up to and including next year's Commonwealth Games in Brisbane. Gordon Wright was named assistant manager. Norman has been responsible for organizing a number of British-based track and field squads on trips to top athletics meetings in Europe in recent seasons.

# World Cup Skiing events canceled

VAL D'ISERE, France, Dec. 7 (Agencies) — The jinx which has plagued the World Alpine Skiing Cup for the past week struck again Monday when a heavy snowfall torpedoed training for two women's Downhills.

World Cup organizers, therefore had no option, but to cancel the Downhills, scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, which brings the final Val d'Isere casualty list up to three races. The men's Giant Slalom was canceled earlier.

The problem last week was just the opposite with an early lack of snow making competition at this level impossible. The only two races which eventually took place in the first snow criterium series were a women's Giant Slalom won by Irene Epple of West Germany and a men's Downhill won by Franz Klammer of Austria.

Organizers now face the further headache of having to fit the postponed races into a calendar already over-charged because of the World Championships at Schladming, Austria at the end of January. The World Cup now moves on to Italy with the men's opening Giant Slalom scheduled at Aprica Tuesday and a special Slalom down for Madonna Wednesday.

Officials said the men's Giant Slalom would be rescheduled for another meet, but the two women's Downhills might simply be canceled, leaving the women with seven instead of nine Downhill races this season.

# Chinese girl wins title

VAXJOE, Sweden, Dec. 7 (AFP) — China's Chen Lili Sunday won the women's singles of the Scandinavian Open Table Tennis Tournament after a tough fight against compatriot Dai Lili.

Chen Lili took the first two games by the narrowest of margins and only in the third game did her opponent fire, to give Chen Lili victory with a score of 21-19, 21-19, 21-8.

In the men's doubles final Dragutin Surbeck and Zoran Kalinic of Yugoslavia beat Hungarians Gabor Gergely and Istvan Jonyer in 21-3, 14-21, 21-18. Poland's Andrej Grubba and Bettina Vrieskoop, of the Netherlands, won the mixed doubles by defeating Chinese pair Fan Changmao and Xie Xiaoyan 9-21, 21-17, 21-18.

# Steve Davis tops

PRESTON, Ireland Dec. 7 (AFP) — Steve Davis stormed to another victory over Welshman Terry Griffiths with a 16-5 victory to win the United Kingdom £40,000 Snooker final at the Guildhall Saturday.

The Englishman's cash register was reigning again with a first prize of £10,500 which brought his earnings from major wins of £65,000 in the last twelve months.



# Wales calls off S. Africa rugby tour

LONDON, Dec. 7 (R) Bowing to pressure from the British government and anti-apartheid groups, Wales Monday cancelled a proposed rugby tour of South Africa next year. The Welsh Rugby Union announced it was calling off the tour "with reluctance and much regret".

The decision was taken last week but the union delayed the announcement till it had informed the South African Rugby Board, which has been trying hard to have South Africa readmitted to the international rugby arena.

The proposed Welsh tour had raised the threat of black African countries, opposed to South Africa's system of racial segregation, boycotting the next Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, Australia, in November 1982. There were unprecedented demonstrations and riots during a New Zealand tour earlier this year by the South African National Rugby team, the Springboks.

The Springboks stopped in the United States on the way home and played three games in secret to thwart protests. The Welsh Rugby Union is now considering a tour to Romania in place of the South African trip.

The British government had made clear to the union that the proposed South African tour would contravene the 1977 Gleneagles Agreement, an accord reached by Commonwealth heads of government to discourage sporting links with white-ruled South Africa. Union Secretary Ray Williams, announcing the decision not to go to South Africa, said the Welsh Rugby authorities had reluctantly decided the tour would be inadvisable and not in the best interests of the game in Wales.

However, he added: "In conveying this decision to the South African Rugby Board we have not forgotten to recognize the very substantial progress which their institution has already achieved in removing all forms of racial discrimination and disadvantage from the rugby scene in that country."

The Welsh anti-apartheid movement, which campaigned against the tour, said playing with South Africa would have given credence to the white minority government in Pretoria.

Meanwhile, Henderson Gill crowned a dream debut for Britain with a hat-trick of tries to help the British team crush France 37-0 in a rugby league 'Test' match Sunday.

A crowd of nearly 13,000 at Hull, home of Britain's two top clubs in the flat-cap version of the sport, saw Britain crush the French team with a burst of tries and transformations spiced with three penalty goals.

The British side, composed entirely of English players, justified the selectors decision to ignore Welsh Rugby League talent by putting on a show of such strength that the French will be left wondering how on earth to approach the return match in Marseilles on December 20.

Britain made a devastating start to race 15 points clear in the first 20 minutes. From then on the game developed into a one-sided affair as the Britons reared their previous biggest winning margin of 39.



Niki Lauda, back in the big-time

## British Steel well set for bridge crown

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 7 — British Steel made sure of winning the Jeddah Autumn Bridge League when they defeated Armaska 16-4, Tuesday night, and move to an unassailable lead over second placed Dunes club.

At the end of last week's play, KAJA Whites team were in with an outside chance of catching British Steel if the latter should lose their remaining matches. However, the opposite turned out to be the case. British Steel downed Armaska 16-4, and KAJA Whites lost to Mobil, the team that upset Dunes the previous week.

With only one week's play remaining, this makes a very interesting situation in the table just below British Steel. Dunes downed Gray Mackenzie/Hakrow on Sunday and this now puts three teams, Dunes, Mobil, and KAJA Whites, equal on ten points. Should all three teams register a similar score, then Dunes will take the runners-up trophy because of their superior Victory Points score. Dunes in fact look set for a win against KAJA Whites, as do KAJA Whites in their match against Gray-Mac. However, Mobil will find Pak 4 difficult opponents. British Steel will meet CMPA in their last match.

In the other match last week, IAL recorded their second win of the season, which lifts them off the bottom of the table. They are on equal points with Gray-Mac, and Armaska, but have a better victory points total. IAL and Armaska meet this Sunday in a bottom of the table thriller.

### STANDINGS:

Team	W	L	T	PP	PA	Pts
British Steel	8	0	0	105	16	16
Dunes	8	5	3	110	10	10
Mobil	8	5	3	81	10	10
KAJA White	8	5	3	78	10	10
Pak 4	8	4	4	92	8	8
CMPA	8	4	4	79	8	8
KAJA Green	8	5	3	75	6	6
IAL	8	2	6	67	4	4
Gray-Mac/Hal	8	2	6	61	4	4
Armaska	8	2	6	52	4	4

## 'My heart was always beating for racing' Ambition drove me back -- Lauda

LONDON, Dec. 7 — Former world champion racing driver Niki Lauda, who almost died in a horrific crash five years ago, signed on recently for a £1.5 million (\$2.9 million) comeback.

But 32-year-old Lauda denied that money had anything to do with his decision to return to sport's most hazardous arena. With an anxious wife and two young children back home in native Austria Niki explained: "You cannot go back to a dangerous sport like motor racing for any other reason than ambition. My heart was always beating for motor racing. It just started beating heavier and heavier, so I decided to give it a go."

Lauda, who wears a baseball cap, even indoors, to mask the worst of the burns he suffered at the 1976 German Grand Prix, is the only one of the "greats" from the past to defy fate and accept the challenge to come out of retirement.

Already two of his contemporaries — Jackie Stewart and James Hunt — have rejected tempting offers. Last month, when Hunt turned down a £2,600,000 offer to make a comeback with Brabham, he explained:

"There is no point in risking your neck for money you don't need. You cannot spend a fortune if you are dead."

Lauda was in high spirits in London recently after he had finalized the deal with the Marlboro/McLaren team. The £1.5 million he can expect to make — and that is a conservative figure — is only for the first year of his comeback.

### Incredible

He is a man of outstanding courage. After his crash at Germany's Nurburgring, he was so desperately injured. But incredibly, six weeks later, he was racing again in the Italian Grand Prix.

His retirement in Canada two years ago, came as a total surprise. He just parked his car during practice and walked away, apparently for good. His wife Marlene rejoiced. The heartache was over.

"This is something I've always hoped for," she said then. "I am so glad. It is just wonderful, wonderful." She was hardly rejoicing when Lauda announced his comeback. Lauda admitted: "No racing driver's wife

would support a decision like this."

### Partner

"But I think she is clever enough to understand that if I really wanted to do something there is no way she can stop it. Fear is something you have to live with."

His driving partner next season will be Britain's John Watson, a man he has worked with before. Teddy Meyer, joint managing director of the McLaren racing team, said: "I'm not afraid Niki's coming back for the wrong motive. He will go racing properly."

## Hyderabad tie drawn

HYDERABAD, India, Dec. 7 (AP) — The three-day match between the touring English cricketers and South Zone ended in a draw Sunday. Set to score 303 in 170 minutes and 20 mandatory overs the English cricketers were 223 for three wickets at close. Earlier Sunday, South Zone added 124 runs to its overnight score of 117 for three wickets before declaring its innings closed at 241 for seven wickets.

## Kite, Daniel triumph in Penney Golf

LARGO, Florida, Dec. 7 (AP) — Despite two bogeys, Tom Kite and Beth Daniel beat back a tough challenge for a two-stroke, 18-under par 270 victory in the J.C. Penney Classic Sunday to split the \$100,000 first prize.

Kite and Daniel, the leading money winners of the men's and women's tours, grabbed a three-stroke lead after the third round, then held on as Vance Heafner and Kathy Morse closed in fast, blazing their way from a five-way fifth place tie to claim the \$57,000 check for the runners-up.

The hot-firing Heafner-Morse sank three birdies on the front side, but were pulled down by two bogey. Then they blistered the back nine with six successive birdies and closed the gap to one stroke when Kite and Daniel bogeyed the par-4 15th hole.

Heafner, a second-year player, and his partner picked up nine strokes to pull ahead in the 48-team field. They put together rounds of 69-67-71-65 for their 16-under-par 272 finish.

Kite and Daniel fired four birdies, but their two bogeys gave them a final round of 2-under-par 70 in the four-day, mixed team \$500,000 Classic, golf's richest event. They had earlier rounds of 69, 67 and 64 — the hottest round of the tournament.

Andy Bean and Sally Little, who led the first half of the way, finished third a 14-under-par 274 with rounds of 66-68-69-71. Bean-Little had three birdies and two bogeys in the final round and pocketed a team total of \$36,000.

Defending champions Curtis Strange and Nancy Lopez-Melton, were tied five strokes back with Jay Haas and Hollis Stacy with a 275 finish.

Haas-Stacy had rounds of 68-71-70-66 for the 275 finish, while the holders Strange-Lopez-Melton had rounds of 68-71-68-68 to tie for the fourth spot. Both the teams picked up a purse of \$23,400.

The Clampett-Coles team came sixth with 276 and one stroke behind them were the teams of Cook-Rankin and Simons-German. The ninth spot also witnessed a tie between the teams of Putter-Blalock and Peete-Whitworth, both finishing with 279.

### Football standings

American Conference						National Conference							
Eastern Division			Central Division			Eastern Division			Central Division				
W	L	T	PP	PA	Pts.	W	L	T	PP	PA	Pts.		
Miami	9	4	1	312	262	679	Dallas	11	3	0	336	254	786
Buffalo	9	5	0	283	250	643	Philadelphia	9	5	0	320	200	643
N.Y. Jets	8	5	1	313	271	607	N.Y. Giants	7	7	0	220	237	500
New England	2	12	0	291	328	143	St. Louis	7	7	0	303	350	500
Baltimore	1	13	0	222	474	871	Washington	6	8	0	279	328	429
Cincinnati	10	4	0	374	266	714	Tampa Bay	8	6	0	272	227	571
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	299	229	615	Detroit	7	7	0	335	295	500
Houston	6	8	0	254	307	429	Green Bay	7	7	0	286	326	500
Cleveland	5	9	0	242	319	357	Minnesota	7	7	0	312	314	500
Chicago	5	9	0	242	319	357	Chicago	4	10	0	195	294	286
Denver	9	5	0	274	241	643	San Francisco	11	3	0	308	227	786
Kansas City	8	6	0	326	267	571	Astoria	7	7	0	382	304	500
San Diego	8	6	0	431	357	571	Los Angeles	5	9	0	275	305	357
Oakland	6	7	0	227	270	462	New Orleans	4	10	0	183	322	286
Seattle	5	9	0	267	344	357							

### Results

Green Bay	31	Detroit	17
N. Y. Giants	10	Los Angeles	7
Chicago	10	Minnesota	9
Miami	24	New England	14
St. Louis	30	New Orleans	3
Washington	15	Philadelphia	13
San Francisco	21	Cincinnati	3
Dallas	37	Baltimore	13
Buffalo	28	San Diego	27
Tampa Bay	24	Atlanta	23
Denver	16	Kansas City	13
Seattle	27	N. Y. Jets	23

### Due to power strike

## Pakistan-Aussie one-day match postponed

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 7 (AP) — The Pakistan-Australia day-night cricket match at the Sydney Cricket ground Tuesday was Monday night postponed because of the state's power workers' strike.

The New South Wales government extended existing power restrictions, banning lighting for sports fixtures. The new moves came in the face of a growing threat of power blackouts on the eve of a meeting by striking power industry workers in the Hunter Valley.

The ban on the towering SCG floodlights appeared to take Australian Cricket Board (ACB) officials by surprise. ACB executive director David Richards said the cricket

match would be postponed "indefinitely."

Richards said the ban on the lights came only hours after the ACB was assured they could be used. "After urgent consideration, it was reluctantly decided that the public could not be given sufficient notice in the event that the match was rescheduled to a 1000 a.m. start," he said.

He said the Board had "No option" but to postpone. "The Board will now consider whether the match can be played at a later date this season," Richards said.

It is understood both the Australian and Pakistan teams would have agreed to a 1000 a.m. start Tuesday but would not agree to

transferring the match to Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the West Indies lost almost a day's preparation for the first cricket Test against Australia starting on Boxing Day in a howling gale, rain, and near freezing temperatures at Hobart Monday.

They began a three-day game against Tasmania at the Hobart TCA ground but play could not start on time because of persistent showers. After wicket inspections play started late. West Indian captain Clive Lloyd won the toss and sent Tasmania in to bat under the eye of Australian selector Len Maddocks.

## Tulasne advances with a degree of comfort

SYDNEY, Dec. 7 (AP) — Australian Pat Cash and Wally Masur played their way into the second round of the singles competition at the Esso World Junior Tennis challenge here Monday.

Cash, 16, the number one ranked junior in the world and fourth seed for the tournament, beat Great Britain's Stewart Bale in a hard fought tussle played in windy conditions.

"This is the first time I have played Bale and it certainly wasn't easy against him. I

missed a few returns on important points and I wasn't very happy with my volley," Cash said later.

Cash took the first set 6-4, however, Bale fought back well to force a tie-breaker in the second set which Cash won 7-3 to take the set 7-6. Masur, the seventh seed, overwhelmed West Australian Scott Marshall 6-1, 6-2.

Top-seeded Thierry Tulasne, 18, from Paris, powered his way into the second round with a 6-3, 6-2, win over Queensland 15-year-old Mark Kraezman. "I had some prob-

lems at the beginning with my return of serve," said Tulasne. "Mark is a very good player with some great shots." Kraezman rated Tulasne as a "great player."

One of the best matches of the day was between number three seed Joakim Nyström of Sweden and Eric Korita from the USA. Korita had Nyström in trouble when his powerful service took him to a 5-3 lead in the first set. Nyström however, fought back brilliantly to take the set 7-5 and went on to win the second set 6-3 for the match.

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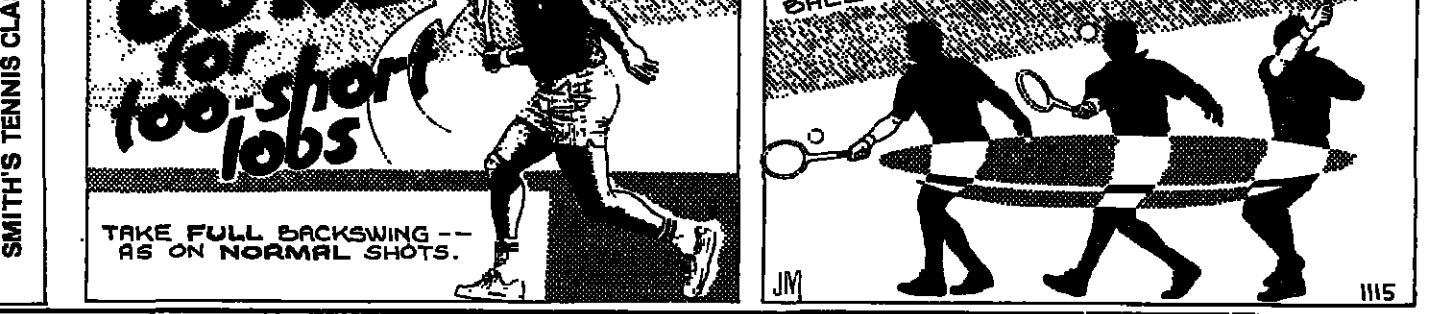
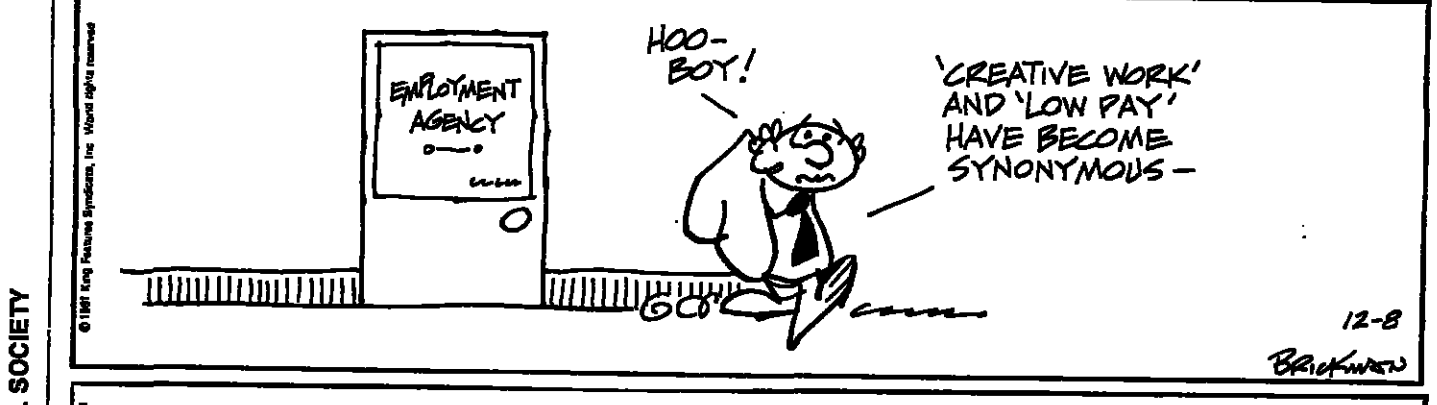
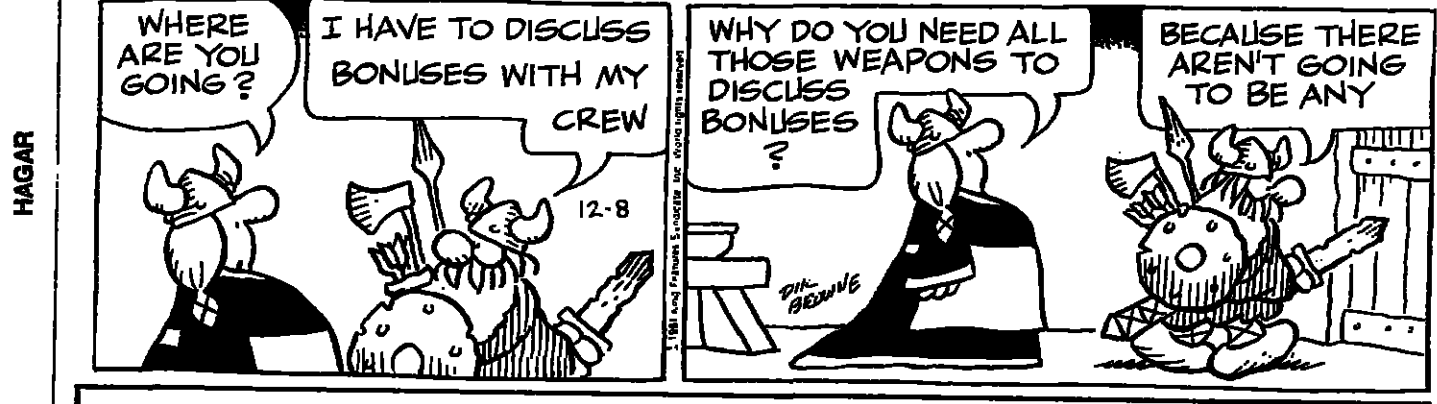
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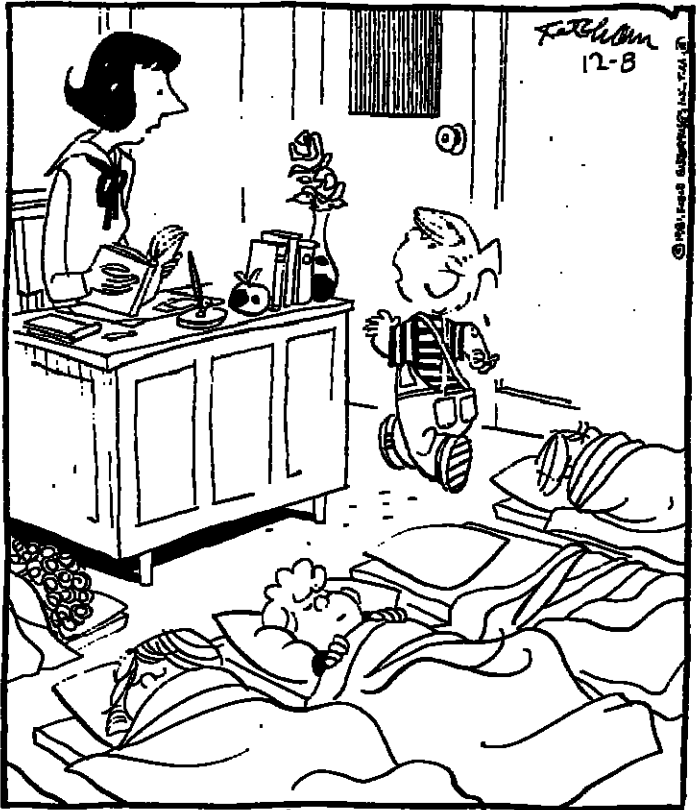
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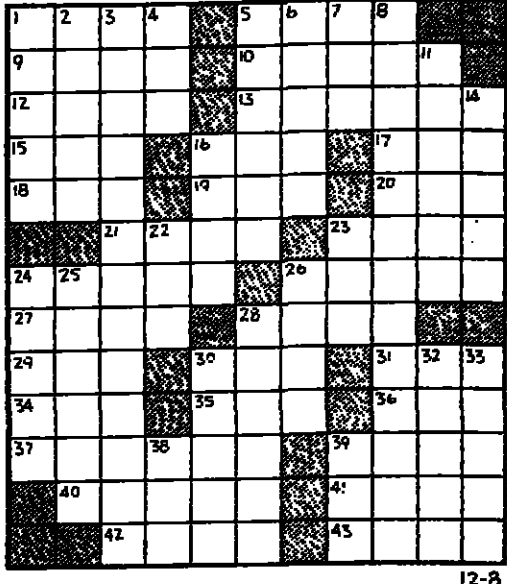
Table listing radio programs for Radio Jeddah, Radio Riyadh, and Francaise Langue. Includes program titles, times, and frequencies.

BBC, VOA, Radio Pakistan

Table listing radio programs for BBC, VOA, and Radio Pakistan. Includes program titles, times, and frequencies.

Crossword

Crossword puzzle by Thomas Joseph. Includes clues for Across and Down, and a list of words to be found.



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All's Fair in Love and War

East-West vulnerable. NORTH: ♠843, ♥Q5, ♦K1072, ♣KQ104. EAST: ♠QJ95, ♥1064, ♦Q86, ♣J93. SOUTH: ♠K7, ♥A82, ♦AJ953, ♣A82.

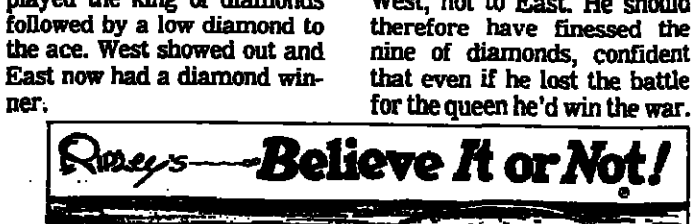
The bidding: East South West North Pass 1NT Pass 3NT. Opening lead - seven of hearts.

Most mistakes in bidding or play occur on the easy hands rather than the difficult ones. This is probably because easy hands occur more often than the difficult ones and present more opportunities for error.

Consider the present case where South landed in three notrump and West led a heart. Declarer won the heart in dummy with the queen and played the king of diamonds followed by a low diamond to the ace. West showed out and East now had a diamond winner.

In effect, declarer had followed the rule that it is usually better to cash the A-K than finesse in a situation where the defenders have four to the queen. Under the circumstances, this was not a good rule to follow. South could easily have afforded to lose a diamond trick - but to West, not to East. He should therefore have finessed the nine of diamonds, confident that even if he lost the battle for the queen he'd win the war.

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LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Close ties tempt you to disregard work responsibilities. You'd do well to avoid gambles. Be skeptical of outlandish proposals. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Others are prone to exaggerate. Family may raise objections to a travel plan. Be less critical of those whom you contact now. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Ill-conceived plans could backfire. Do not be so eager to over-extend credit. Scrutinize documents carefully before signing anything. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Close ties will raise objections if you spend too much on

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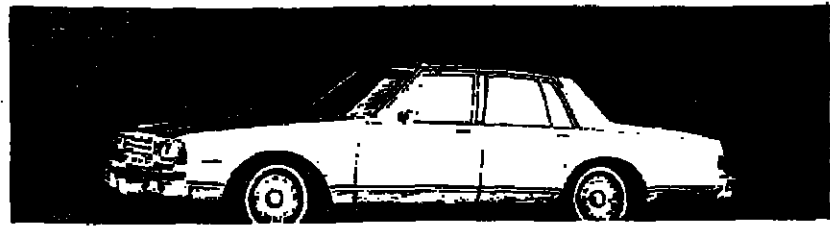
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## U.S. sources say

# Soviet fuel sword dangles over Poles

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP) — The Soviet Union apparently is using an implied threat to withhold fuel supplies to Poland as a weapon to keep the Poles from moving too far out of line, according to U.S. intelligence sources.

Soviet officials have agreed to supply specified amounts of fuel to Poland for only a three-month period rather than the one-year

normally covered by such deals between the two countries, the sources said. The result is to leave a chilly economic sword dangling over the Poles during a winter in which the Kremlin is concerned about liberalizing tendencies in Poland, the sources said.

Assistant U.S. Defense Secretary Richard N. Perle alluded to the development in recent testimony to Congress in which he spoke of "the manipulation of energy supplies to Poland as the temperature drops... and Polish industry must plan its winter production." He said the Soviets' are bringing political pressure to bear on Poland through a combination of political, economic, and military means.

Although Perle did not elaborate, the intelligence sources, who asked not to be identified, said he referring to the Soviet gambit on future fuel shipments to the Poles.

Polish fields produce only a little more than 10 percent of the 17 million tons of crude oil the country needs each year. The Warsaw government recently increased gasoline prices from \$2.64 to \$4.03 a gallon.

U.S. analysts say Poland's economic problems are compounded by a severe drop in coal output. Their figures indicate Poland's coal mines produced about 20 percent less than normal in the first half of this year. These analysts suggest the Poles probably will suffer a 2,200-megawatt shortage of power during the winter period of peak demand.

Poland's Communist Party leadership and the Solidarity union are trying to work together so the power shortage "won't affect people so much in their homes and, instead, may let industry take the chill," the U.S. analysts said.

## Danes elect MPs today

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 7 (AFP) — Members of the Folketing, Denmark's parliament, will be elected Tuesday in a complex electoral system that tends to encourage the participation of numerous political parties.

Ten parties now hold Folketing seats, and 1,129 candidates, representing a total of 13 parties, are on Tuesday's ballot, compared with 1,097 in the last election in 1979.

Denmark has just over 3.9 million registered voters. All over 18 years of age, including prison inmates, are eligible to vote. The Folketing has 179 members, of which two represent Greenland, and two, the Faeroe Islands.

Of the 175 deputies representing Denmark proper, 135 are elected directly in the country's 103 constituencies, and 40 hold complementary seats allowing parties to be represented by virtue of the overall number of votes they garner.

## Soviet delegation arrives in India

NEW DELHI, India, Dec. 7 (AP) — Soviet First Vice President V.V. Kuznetsov arrived here Monday with 20 members of his country's parliament for a nine-day tour of India, the same day an Indian team flew to Peking for talks with Chinese officials.

Kuznetsov told reporters at Delhi Airport that contacts between India and the Soviet Union had acquired great significance in light of the deteriorating international situation.

Indian Vice President Muhammad Hidayatullah greeted the delegation, which also includes V. Litvinenko, deputy chief of the State committee for Economic Relations with foreign countries, and four members of the Supreme Soviet, Vladimir Orlov, Tukhtamyshev Bakimov, Mrs. I.N. Blokhina and Natoli Korotnikov.

The Soviet delegation will call on Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, External Affairs Minister P.V.N. Rao and other top Indian leaders. They also will visit the Taj Mahal at Agra and visit the Indian cities of Hyderabad, Bhopal and Aurangabad. A side trip to Nepal also is planned.

## Republicans oppose move

# Paisley speaks of Ulster independence

BELFAST, Dec. 7 (R) — Protestants in Northern Ireland are again talking about the possibility of the province becoming independent from Britain. The latest suggestion has come from Ian Paisley, fiery hard-line politician and fundamentalist preacher.

But he says he sees independence only as a final position if Britain tries to force the province to join the mainly Catholic Irish Republic. "Independence is not something we would either want or seek," says Jim Allister, spokesman for Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party (DUP). "But we would take independence rather than be part of an all-Ireland republic."

Proposals for independence have already come from the Ulster Defense Association (UDA), biggest of Northern Ireland's Protestant paramilitary groups, which argues that it could be a way out of the sectarian strife that has cost more than 2,000 lives in the province over the last 12 years. But leaders of Northern Ireland's Catholics — the minority in the

province — firmly reject any move toward independence.

Sinn Fein, political wing of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) which is fighting for a united Ireland, also opposes the notion. "We could not accept an independent northern state," says spokesman Richard McAuley. And Mrs. Brid Rogers, general secretary of the Catholic Social Democratic and Labor Party (SDLP), commented: "We have always opposed the idea of independence."

Paisley, who refers to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher as a "traitor" in his speeches, has accused London of seeking to pressurize the north into a merger with the Irish Republic through its talks with Dublin.

He has unveiled his long-promised "third force" paramilitary group, which he says will protect Protestants against the IRA. But his party rejects as "absolute nonsense" statements by the SDLP and the non-sectarian Alliance Party that the third force is aimed at

achieving independence for Northern Ireland.

Allister insisted that the DUP would seek independence only as a last resort if the government in London expelled Northern Ireland from Britain with the aim of pushing the province into the republic.

The most articulate proponent of independence is the UDA's political wing, the Ulster Loyalist Democratic Party, which has put forward a system with a written constitution and built-in checks and balances similar to that in the United States.

The party adopts modern political jargon, saying that what is needed is "Ulsterization" of the problem — bringing it back to the people of Northern Ireland.

It calls for electing an assembly by proportional representation, with a separate ballot for a prime minister broadly analogous to the election of the U.S. president. It also proposes that legislative, executive and judiciary arms of government be separate — again like the United States.

There should also be an agency to sift constitutional complaints for complaints against the police — "not to judge on them," says party leader John McMichael, "but to decide whether to fund plaintiffs to take their case to the Supreme Court where there would be a ruling."

McMichael admitted the economically-troubled province would need help from Britain and said he put less stress on a geographical independence for Northern Ireland than on a state of mind in which Protestants and Catholics could work together.

"Eventually, I think, we're working toward a federation or association of Scotland, Wales, Ulster, Eire and possibly two Englands, north and south," he said. "But none of this will work unless it is supported by the vast majority of both communities (Protestant and Catholic)."

McMichael discounted Catholic fears that independence would mean continuance of Protestant domination. He said the fragmentation of parties over the last 12 years would prevent a Protestant monolith running the new state.

"There would have to be coalitions and horse-trading," he said. "I would see at least five fairly large parties."

But McAuley, for the Republicans, said: "The UDA are either very naive or grasping at straws. Should the UDA get an independent state, I have no doubt it would be a loyalist state... dominated by loyalist philosophy which is basically fascist and thrives on sectarianism."

McAuley did not agree that splits in Protestant parties would prevent their domination of an independent state — "there are personality differences, but essentially their objectives are the same."

# Generals grow wary of unrest in Spain army

MADRID, Dec. 7 (Agencies) — An army judge continued investigating Monday the military conduct of 100 Spanish officers and enlisted men who criticized the government over the weekend and set off fresh fears of military unrest in Spain.

Quoting reliable military sources, the liberal newspaper *Diario 16* said top army officials feared reactions of solidarity with the 100 men, placed under 14-day preventive house arrest Sunday after being recalled to barracks to answer the judge's questions.

A statement from the army joint chiefs of staff also indicated fears the chain of command might be affected. The 25 captains, 21 lieutenants and 54 enlisted men from infantry and artillery units in the Madrid Military Command, were sent to "their homes to remain under arrest until judge Col. Balbino Teijeiro Pinon reported to the Madrid military commander on his investigation."

But the army joint chiefs already appeared to have condemned the 100 who signed a statement attacking the press, the government and expressing sympathy for 32 military men awaiting trial for military rebellion for trying to overthrow the civilian government nine months ago.

The joint chiefs' statement said the 100 had committed a breach of discipline and damaged confidence of their superiors. It said the group also had shown "absolute failure to identify" with Spain's democratic constitution.

The generals said that while certain press coverage of military matters had worried the military leadership, the manifesto was an act of indiscipline that affected the confidence and loyalty owed to senior commanding officers and also the unity of the armed forces.

The chiefs of staff said the matter was now in the hands of an investigating military judge who would determine responsibilities and apply the necessary sanctions. They called on "all generals, commanders, officers, non-commissioned officers and troops to reject any insinuation that might affect their commitment to respect the government, observe the constitution and remain loyal to his majesty the king."

The manifesto, which clouded Sunday's celebrations of the 1978 constitutional referendum, followed other incidents involving resentful junior officers. Last Sunday an army captain in northwest Spain ordered two platoons of armed military police to break up an authorized anti-NATO rally when he heard demonstrators insulting the armed forces.

## U.S. camp bombed in W. Germany

BONN, Dec. 7 (AP) — Attackers threw a bomb through the window of a U.S. Army office near Kassel Monday, injuring two soldiers, the army announced.

Explosives packed into a "fire extinguisher bomb" and hurled into the unit commander's office failed to go off. But the detonator discharged and injured the two soldiers, members of the 5th Artillery Detachment, said the army announcement.

"The incident occurred at approximately 0005 hours Monday morning (2305 GMT Sunday) at Kwartier Cotenmark Kaserne near Bueren, northwest of Kassel," the announcement said. The camp is a Belgian military installation, it said.

There have been at least 15 attacks this year on U.S. installations in West Germany, where some 260,000 American troops are stationed. The army described the 5th Artillery Detachment as a "remote site of the... Giessen military community."

The city of Giessen is in the north side of a heavy concentration of U.S. forces centered in Frankfurt. Many of this year's attacks have taken place in that area.

Just as the two soldiers saw the bomb, "the blasting cap detonator discharged," said the army statement.

## Landslide buries east Java village

JAKARTA, Dec. 7 (AFP) — A giant landslide buried a village in east Java Sunday, with 17 bodies recovered so far and a further 25 persons missing under the rubble, Antara news agency reported Monday.

The disaster occurred before dawn, hitting the village of Jeko, some 870 kms east of here while villagers were sleeping, the agency said. The village was entirely flattened in the disaster.

Rescue teams including troops were Monday continuing to search for the remaining bodies believed to have been buried alive. Antara said, Antara quoted the local district chief as saying that 398 persons were being evacuated for fear of further slides during the current rainy season.

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## American strategy alleged

# Polish hunt for Irish gunmen

DUBLIN, Ireland, Dec. 7 (AP) — Irish police raided the homes of anti-British activists looking for the gunmen who tried to kill escaped prisoner Harry Flynn, the national press officer of the Irish Republican Socialist Party.

Flynn was shot in the chest and neck Saturday night by two hooded men. He was in intensive care in a Dublin hospital but was reported out of immediate danger Monday. Four men and a woman, believed to be leaders of Flynn's party, were being held in Dublin for interrogation, police said.

Police sources said they believed internal feuding between the party and its outlawed guerrilla wing, the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), led to the attack on Flynn in a crowded Dublin bar. Belfast-born Flynn, 28, has lived in Dublin since tunnelling out of the Maze Prison in British-ruled Northern Ireland in 1976.

INLA is a breakaway faction of the Irish Republican Army and claimed responsibility for murdering the British Conservative Party's Irish affairs spokesman, Airey Neave, in London in 1979.

The Flynn shooting took place as U.S. Deputy Secretary of State William Clark was in Dublin, talking to Irish leaders about the situation in Northern Ireland, where nearly 2,200 persons have been slain in the last 12 years of the IRA struggle against British rule.

After being informed of the shooting, Clark condemned terrorism, saying it was a "hideous disease of today's world."

## Papandreou heads for NATO talks

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 7 (AP) — Premier Andreas Papandreou, who also holds the post of defense minister, left Athens Monday to attend a NATO defense ministers' meeting in Brussels.

The premier, whose anti-NATO electoral campaign rhetoric has been somewhat moderated in post-election statements, faces a difficult first meeting with alliance partners.

Papandreou is scheduled shortly after his arrival in the Belgian capital to meet privately with U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger, who recently visited Turkey. The premier is expected to seek clarification from the U.S. official of statements made in Ankara. He will also meet with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig on Wednesday.

In his government's policy statement, Papandreou called for the reconsideration of Greece's membership in the military wing of the Atlantic alliance. He also called for the gradual withdrawal of American military bases in this country, which at present are under the terms of a NATO agreement.

The premier has repeatedly stressed his belief that the major threat to this country is

## Portugal may upgrade U.S. air base

OPORTO, Portugal, Dec. 7 (R) — Portugal would consider granting the United States increased facilities at the mid-Atlantic Lajes Air Base if the situation in the Middle East worsened. Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemão was quoted Sunday as saying.

He made the remark in an address behind closed doors to a national congress of his Social Democratic Party (PSD) held at the weekend in this northern city, delegates said. No details were available.

The U.S. Air Force enjoys facilities at the strategic base on the Azores, archipelago under a five-year treaty signed in 1979. But U.S. use of the base is limited to operations clearly connected with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), of which Portugal is a member.

Pinto Balsemão also expressed impatience at the slow pace of negotiations on Portugal's entry into the European Common Market (EEC), the delegates said. Portugal applied for EEC membership in 1977, but its planned accession date has been pushed back from 1983 to 1984.

The congress of the PSD, the senior partner in the ruling center-right democratic

alliance, ended Sunday.

As it drew to a close, a man claiming to speak for the urban guerrilla group FP-25 telephoned a bomb threat. Police evacuated the cinema where the congress was being held but found nothing. The meeting took place on the first anniversary of the death in an air crash of Prime Minister Francisco Sa Carneiro, the founder of the PSD.

Pinto Balsemão beat off challenges from his critics within the party, who withdrew a motion saying the investigation of the crash was unsatisfactory. Delegates later rejected another critical motion advocating a tougher line toward President Antonio Ramalho Eanes. The prime minister's report was approved by 454 votes to 59 with 94 abstentions.

The party re-elected Pinto Balsemão and reaffirmed long-standing positions critical of the Communist Party and center-left President Antonio Ramalho Eanes.

Hard-line critics of the moderate prime minister continued to hold a clear third of the party posts, a number far outweighing their numerical strength, as Pinto Balsemão held intact his policy of appeasement to avoid a possible split in the party.

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